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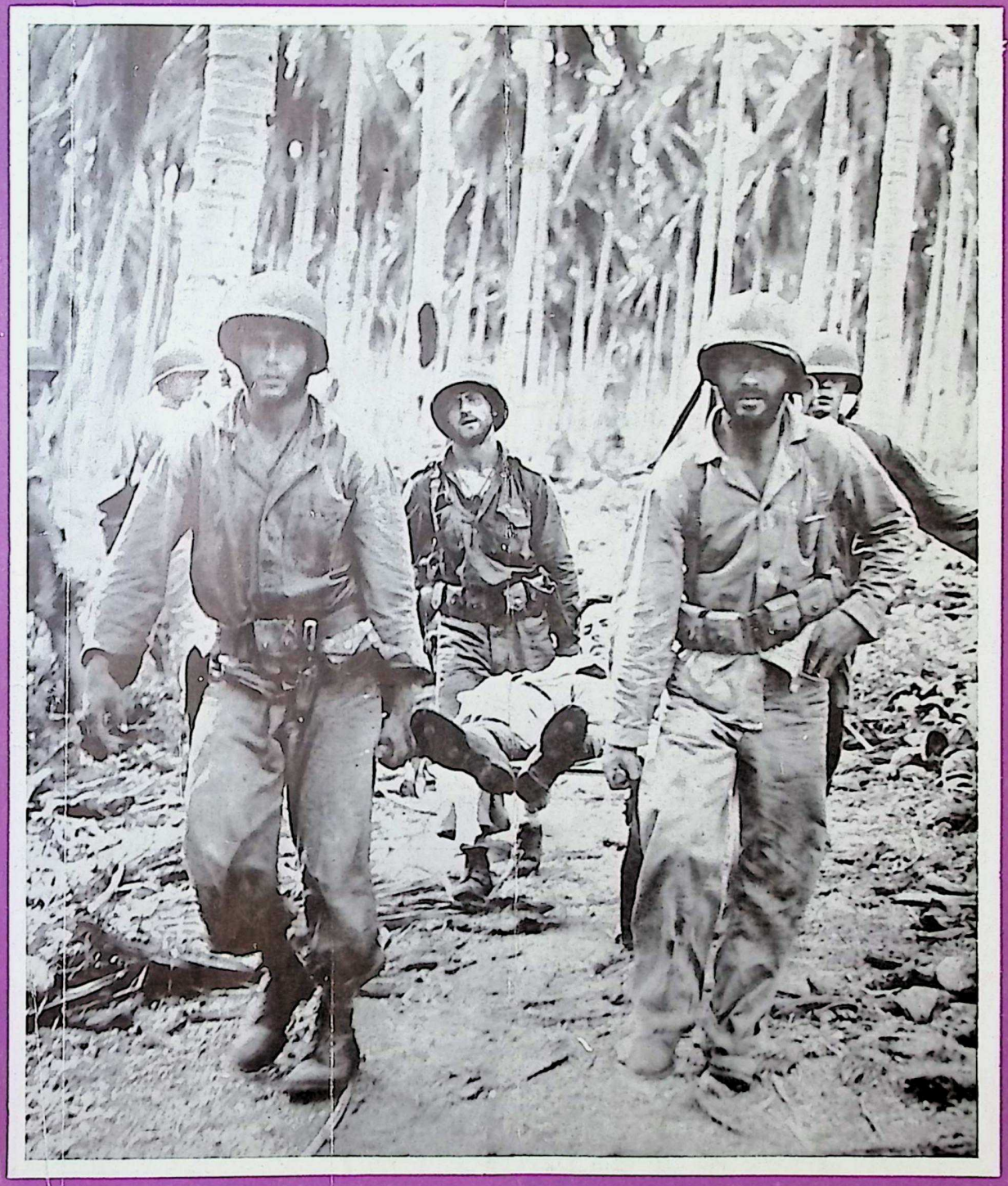

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EDITORIAL

This war, any war for that matter, emphasizes the two finest qualities possessed by the human race, unselfish sacrifice and courage.

A war correspondent recently returned from Italy wrote as though he were astounded that, "these boys will give their comrades the last cigarette, the last dollar, the last drink of water without a thought of themselves". This may be news to some but any veteran of any war can tell you that that spirit of sharing or giving one's all to a comrade in arms personifies the brotherhood of man as it is NOT exemplified in civilian life. The proximity of death brings a realization that material things we are prone to value during peace times lose that value when compared with the things that really matter in a war.

It is not alone the American in uniform who discovers realities for the first time.

Millions of mothers and fathers, wives too, are finding within themselves hitherto unplumbed depths of courage as they kiss their loved ones good-bye, in the background the knowledge that it might be forever. Those who have some one poised in England, ready for the invasion, realize that our casualties will be heavy but he or she goes on with this business of life, sustained by an inner faith that God will take care of those who fight our battles.

New YD Issue Still Delayed

Circumstances beyond our control still delay the special issue which will be dedicated to the new 26th Infantry Division which proudly sports the old YD on the left sleeve.

Most of the material which has been prepared by the divisional public relations officer has gone to Military Intelligence for approval and has been going through channels for several weeks. Having been in the army you all know what that means.

A special article written by General Bill Blake of the Veterans' Bureau for the special benefit of these new veterans-to-be is resting in our desk drawer but it is a splendid piece of work and tells the fighter of World War II just what his rights are under existing laws as to pensions, medical care and many other pertinent bits of information.

Two chapters were smart enough to see a wonderful opportunity to express their regard for these new YD men by sending in short articles expressing their love and admiration for our boys. Does that give other chapters an idea?

Old YD Man on Gripsholm

Jersey City, — If Louis R. Knasin never sees another potato it will be soon enough. At least, no potatoes for a while.

The Providence man, one of four Rhode Islanders to arrive home today aboard the diplomatic exchange liner Gripsholm, got his fill of potatoes at Baden-Baden, where he was interned with other members of U. S. diplomatic staffs.

"It was lousy food," Knasin said bluntly and undiplomatically this afternoon.

"There was soup and fish and very little meat. And potatoes! Potatoes! Potatoes! We don't want to see any more potatoes as long as we live!"

Aside from the food, life in the hotel where the diplomats were interned passed pleasantly enough, he and other returning diplomats indicated.

"We played baseball,"—and that was right down his alley, because the Providence-born consular clerk was widely known in amateur baseball circles before going overseas with Battery C of the 103rd Field Artillery during World War I.

"Great to Be Home"

Knasin's first reaction to getting home was the common one of all repatriates:

"It's great to be home."

He hasn't been home in 20 years, or since 1923. He was anxious to get away from the pier to the hotel where his brother, Max Knasin, of Cranston, was waiting to welcome him.

New 104th Infantry History Will Be On Sale Soon

The 104th History is at the printers, and will be ready immediately. The Executive Committee has decided that a roster, as near complete as we have it at the present time will be included in the History. This will mean a little delay in publishing but a history is never complete without a roster.

Just one more opportunity will be provided for each unit of the regiment to make sure that all names are included on the roster. If you are a 104th man and your name is not on their mailing list send it in to Lawrence A. Wagner, 201 Oak Street, Holyoke, Mass. at once. Rosters of each unit will be on display at the reunion in Worcester in April. Anyone with a roster of any company send it in to Adjutant Wagner.

All those wishing a copy of the History please signify your intention now if you haven't already done so. Send in your order to the Adjutant.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

*** Comparison of 1942-1943**

	DEPT. OF ME.	
20	Cumberland	39
6	Farmington	2
33	Lewiston	41
34	Waterville	39
25	At Large	28
118		149
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
6	Concord	6
1	Franklin	3
32	Keene	14
20	Manchester	44
46	Nashua	42
16	Rochester	11
25	Triangle	21
11	At Large	9
157		150
	DEPT. OF VT.	
26	Brattleboro	29
0	Burlington	0
21	Montpelier-Barre	22
31	Rutland	17
9	St. Albans	12
10	Morrisville	9
7	At Large	7
104		96
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
26	Beverly	37
510	Boston	551
55	Concord	50
10	Brockton	10
27	Danvers	42
143	Fitchburg	140
9	Foxboro	8
48	Haverhill	47
5	Holyoke	4
15	Lawrence	25
33	Lowell	10
220	Lynn	263
30	Marlboro	22
41	Milford	40
86	New Bedford	89
31	Reading	26
30	Salem	17
151	Springfield	127
141	Worcester	158
60	At Large	59
1671		1725
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
146	Apremont	115
37	Kent County	28
168	Providence	215
0	At Large	1
351		359
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
38	Bridgeport	38
109	Bristol	112
233	Hartford	242
57	Manchester	58
94	Meriden	81
27	Middletown	24
80	New Britain	60
126	New Haven	182
27	New London	21
24	Norwalk	24
33	Stamford	35
21	Torrington	3
15	Valley	19
14	Wallingford	16
15	Waterbury	15
63	Willimantic	55
0	Groton-Stonington	29
5	At Large	2
981		1014
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
27	Chicago	15
49	Cleveland	41
11	Denver	13
21	Detroit	27
15	Los Angeles	16
147	New York	168
24	Philadelphia	30
26	Washington	28
37	Life Members	37
99	At Large	98
3838	GRAND TOTAL	3931

* Note. Comparison is March 1st each year.

From way out in Phoenix, Arizona we got word that J. R. "Bert" Fleming has been elected mayor. Our correspondent neglected to tell us what outfit he served with, but we do know that it was YD, which is enough. Congratulations. All we need do is quote the local paper which said of Bert, "Fearless, unbossed and influenced only by what he considered the best interests of the people he has won for himself a high place in the hearts of all of us".

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

I hope by the time this issue of DOINGS goes to press the good news about our Annual Convention will be ready for publication. We named a convention committee at our last executive meeting and they have chosen New York City as our next convention city, with June as the month. Full details to follow as soon as New York Chapter votes its approval. The chairman of this committee is Dept. Commander Ralph A. Turgeon, with William H. Cowie as treasurer and "old faithful" Harold B. F. Lonergan as secretary. Registration fees to be $2.00 and banquet tickets $3.50 each. The convention to be the new streamlined affair of but two days, at a week-end; and this year our ladies are to be invited to our banquet. You will have to make your own hotel reservations, so please arrange to do this without delay.

Last month I reported upon our efforts to have the Purple Heart decoration awarded posthumously to our buddies who were killed in World War I. The telegram, which was sent to President Roosevelt, was side-tracked and was never seen by him. Answer was received from the Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who has turned down our request. We have now asked him to discuss this important matter with our President. Because we are such a small organization, we have solicited the aid of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Regular Veterans Association; both of whom derive their charters by acts of Congress. I am pleased to report that both of these fine veteran organizations are co-operating fully. If our request is still refused, we intend to ask Congress to enact legislation, so our buddies, who gave their all, will be equally honored as those, who are killed in today's war. It does seem very strange that the War Department can award medals, including the Purple Heart, Silver Star and Distinguished Service Cross to a four year old dog named CHIPS and at the same time refuse a request to honor a human being who did so much that we, as well as the War Department, might have a better world in which to live.

I am pleased to announce that the Honorable James J. Davis, U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania has introduced in Congress a bill to provide "seeing eye" dogs for blinded war veterans. Senator Davis writes: "You may rest assured that the information which you have presented to me will be very carefully and fully considered in the final draft and formulation of this bill. That material will also be called to the attention of the appropriate Senate Committees. I wish to thank you very much for the interest you have shown in supplying me with this data." I believe you all will agree this is a much needed humane necessity.

Another matter which I feel needs your notice is the action of the War Department towards veterans who have been wounded in action, discharged and when fully recovered are being drafted again. Some sergeants and corporals have found themselves back in service as privates, after the reasons for their original discharge no longer existed. Some men wounded at Attu and at Faid Pass in the Tunisian campaign have been recalled by their local draft boards. The Army admits this. Complaint has been filed with the War Department and they are giving serious consideration to restoring these wounded veterans to their old ranks. It does seem that the fair way to handle this situation would be for the War Department not to discharge these boys; but to keep them on the Army payroll until fully recovered and again fit for service.

We are also trying to ascertain if it is imperative for a veteran who is discharged for medical reasons, to accept a medical discharge in lieu of an honorable discharge. This is one matter which we should all thoroughly understand today; because our government is refusing to assist drafted soldiers, who have been given medical discharges, without a pension. It is correct and proper that our government should and is assisting wounded veterans who are receiving a pension, to rehabilitate themselves. However, what about the lad, who is drafted, taken away from the work he understands, remains in the army for several months, a year or even more, and is handed his medical discharge? In the first place, this chap should be given an honorable discharge. I realize a medical discharge is honorable, but it is a tremendous liability to the former soldier. Very few firms, if any, will today employ lads holding medical discharges, unless the lad has been wounded in action. Rightfully, the business house is afraid the lad with the medical discharge is unfit for their kind of work, if he is unfit for the army, and may become injured with their machinery. If this lad had been given an honorable discharge he would be employed without question. We have been working on a case which clearly shows what the medical discharged veteran is up against. A married man, who was superintendent of a silk mill, was drafted. We all know the war has stopped the importation of silk. Rayon, to a large extent, is being substituted for silk. However, rayon must be treated and handled differently than silk. Recently, this drafted man was given a medical discharge; the army claiming he has a heart condition. Naturally this chap desires to return to

his known vocation. However, silk being out, his former employer forced out of business, he applied to the government hoping they would give him an opportunity to learn about rayon. Because he is not drawing a pension, they absolutely refused to do anything to rehabilitate him. Further, when he shows his medical discharge to prospective employers, they refuse to employ him. Either our government should rehabilitate lads in this category or issue honorable discharges at the time the army no longer needs them.

Last month I gave my ideas as to locations for new chapters in Massachusetts. This month I wish to suggest the following communities in Connecticut for Y.D.V.A. chapters: Winsted, Waterbury, Danbury, Thompsonville or Windsor Locks, Stafford Springs, Putnam, Danielson, Plainfield, Norwich, New Britain, Watertown, Litchfield and possibly Westport, Naugatuck, and Canaan. I do hope some YD boys in these communities will start the ball a-rolling. If you will notify our headquarters, we will give you our full co-operation. I would like to see the membership in Conn. reach at least 1500. This can be done by building more chapters in the state.

The world is getting smaller all the time. The other day I received a most pleasant telephone call from Mrs. Jeanette Schacht, Past President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Lynn, Mass. chapter. Jeanette, being a happy grandmother, just had to visit her new granddaughter, who is living contentedly in one of Philadelphia's suburbs. We hope you will come to visit with us again right soon, Jeanette. Best wishes to you, the baby, your son and daughter-in-law.

It has come to my attention that several of our buddies were wronged in different ways during World War I. It is our duty to assist them in getting these matters cleared up, even at this late date. Some of our buddies were unjustly court-martialed. Their records should be cleared of this stain, even though it may take congressional action, so to do. Others through carelessness, neglect, ignorance or loss, do not have full and complete records of their service at the War Department in Washington. It behooves each of you to make certain you are satisfied with the War Department's records. You owe this to yourself and family. If we can assist you in this matter, do not hesitate to call upon us.

On February 22nd it was my good fortune to participate in the installation of the new officers for New York Chapter. Dept. Commander Ralph A. Turgeon, a N. Y. member, had the honor of assisting at this installation. As is usual, N. Y. Chapter did herself proud. They have a grand bunch of fellows in their membership, all pulling together and assisting their officers. Under Past Commander Fanelle's leadership they have just finished with a wonderful year. He was most fortunate in having P. D. Commander Bob Dickson to look after their grand entertainment programs, Joe Greenburg to locate and sign up many new members and the old reliable Buck O'Brien, D.S.C. to look after their welfare duties. Any chapter with a working crew like that is bound to grow into a large, healthy and powerful organization. CARRY ON fellows, and continued good luck for your new year. On February 25th, I attended Philadelphia Chapter's meeting, and to add to my other worries was placed on their nominating committee.

We salute His Excellency, Gov. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts for having appointed the Honorable Sinclair Weeks to the United States Senate. Senator Weeks was formerly Captain of C Battery, 101st Field Artillery. Lots of good luck, Senator, and you have our very best wishes. We will be asking you for advice and assistance to our many problems.

— Bill Forsyth.

How About a San Francisco Yankee Division Chapter?

A San Francisco Chapter can be formed.

A request for the names of members in the San Francisco area has been requested by Francis B. Morss, (C Co., 102nd MG Bn.), of 961 Pine St., San Francisco. Here are the ones who were paid last year:

Charles H. Beckwith, (C Co., 102nd MG Bn.), 200 Mission St.; Geo. B. Brown, (C Co., 104th Inf.), 214 Santa Clara Ave.; Charles W. Follis, (C Co., 101st Signal), 2696 Sutter St.; Charles H. Kendrick, (Div. Hqrs.), 2701 Pierce St.; Donald H. Merrill, (A Co., 101st Signal), 2140 Hyde St.; Edward Page, (C Co., 101st F.A.), 1050 Russ Bldg.; Cyrus C. Washburn, (Hqrs. 102nd Inf.), 340 Pine St.; Gunnar Gustafson, (A Co., Amm. Tr.), 2042 Rutherford St., Oakland; Stanley Jefferson, (A Co., 103rd MG Bn.), 219 Staples Ave.

Ten names are all that are needed to start a Chapter and there must be many more in or near by. With a little publicity in the papers there is a possibility of a good size Chapter.

APO

Congratulations to General Bayne-Jones on your elevation to the One Star Class. Nothing pleases us any more than to see one of the "old gang" get some recognition in this man's war. I hope before this war is over that an additional star will be awarded you for the fine service you are giving to the armed forces.

A. R. Teta, A, "YD", 102nd Inf.
P.O. Box 1265, Altanta 1, Georgia.

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Quonset Point, R. I.
Son of
Major Charles H. Sprague
103rd Ambulance Co.

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Navy Air Cadet
Son of
Joseph F. Tivnan
formerly of
Co. G, 101th Inf.

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CAPTAIN LINWOOD S. GILMAN
(Somewhere in England)

extends the Holiday greetings to the members of the YD Veterans Association, the YD Club of Boston, YD Post No. 290, A. L., and B Co., 101st Infantry. Drop a line to Gil: 0-447984, Hdqrs. W.B.G., CMT APO No. 515, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

PAUL V. BRADLEY, S 1/c
U. S. Navy

Son of
Archie J. Bradley
Co. A, 104th Infantry
Los Angeles Chapter, California

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor Yankee Doings:

The sentiment expressed in the reprint of "To American Strikers" from the pages of the Honolulu Advertiser, and appearing on the Editorial page in the March issue of Yankee Doings, deserves the endorsement of every clear-thinking American. As a member of Y.D.V.A. and of organized labor as well, I want to thank you for your very fine gesture in this instance. The future of this great country, of labor, and industry as well, can be assured ONLY in such measure as WE BACK UP our fighting men and women who have every right to expect and to receive the unqualified support of every citizen.

Sincerely,

— Ken Dennis.

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V MAIL

Somewhere in the S. W. Pacific.

Dear Guy and YD. Comrades.

Thanks to the Editor for sending me the YD Doings Magazines of Dec. and Jan., you can't realize how much it meant to me to relax in the shade of a cocoanut tree and read about my old gang, gatherings, etc. Took us 22 long days to cross the Pacific Pond, we landed 3rd of Jan., Xmas was just another day at Sea. Each man got a carton of cigarettes and a turkey dinner full and plenty. It is summer here and plenty hot, I go in bathing every chance I get but even the water is warm and not a bit refreshing. Since arrival I have not met any one of the old YD gang but I shall be on the look-out for them and inquire all I can.

Here's hoping this finds all the members in the best of health and keep on sending the YD Doings. Thanks.

Sincerely,

— Damnyankee.

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Dear Comrade:

Enclosed please find check for $2.00 covering my dues to the old Y.D.V.A. for the coming year.

I really enjoy "Yankee Doings" way out here. Keep up the good work, a published list of members on the coast would be a nice thing and by getting together we might enlarge the membership. Just a thought.

Cordially,

Francis B. Morss,
Ex-Co. C, 102nd M.G.B.

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Dear Hap:

Here's that man again!

I submit as an idea only for editorial copy the following problem, which has been rearing its ugly head everywhere of late. Since the advent of the Red Cross War Fund drive, there has been much and still continues to be plenty of hostility toward the Croix Rouge in these parts, particularly by veterans of World War No. 1, and many YD men in general. I am informed that the principle reason is the fact that to the exclusion of all other service organizations the ARC has been designated or appointed as the only organization permitted to render service to our fighting lads "with the colors" in Army hospitals, camps, P. O. E's, enemy prison camps and overseas. Just why, or by what authority I do not know. (Maybe you do). However, if this be the case, is it not reasonable to suggest that every person with pride enough to call himself an American, should get behind this drive and actively support it as the only medium available rendering such service to our G. I. Joes and further, if we don't support the ARC in their efforts, the only ones to be on the short-end (again) are our fighting lads, and lassies.

I realize and endorse the resentment of our lads to the exclusive privilege accorded the ARC in this instance, and the freezing out apparently of the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, and such other organizations as might have desired to repeat the very excellent service as rendered "with the colors" as we of YD remember it. True, not all were 100% perfect, but the fact remains that they were there, they did eat and sleep and take their chances with us, and did render yeoman service in most cases. Though these organizations are now contributing to the present war effort through the medium of U.S.O., and have their own doors thrown open to all service men on leave through their Service Clubs, the fact remains that they cannot, as I understand it, have any part in doing for our lads otherwise except as to such cooperation with or subjection to ARC administration. No one claims that ARC is not rendering good service at this time. I have checked very carefully with pals now in England, Scotland, Austrialia, New Georgia, Alaska, and many Army camps in the States, and the general reaction seems to be very good. I also have some very good friends in ARC service in Ports of Embarkation Hospitals here, where ARC is the only contact with the outside world for the G. I.'s. In view of all this, if my information is correct, does it not seem fair and reasonable to ask that again "LET'S BE FOR SOMETHING," this time for the ARC as the only available vehicle of contact and service "with the colors" in this guerre, outside and inside of the continental limits of the United States, LEST OUR FIGHTING LADS SUFFER through the lack on the part of YD men, in particular, of such active support. (Definitely off the record as I am ashamed of such tactics.) At a recent meeting of our chapter, in particular, I listened to such castigation of ARC as would not look good in print, and I am not denying the right of those concerned to express themselves and further, I concur with much that was said and for the same reasons. However, I did attack this action as vehemently as I could on the grounds that if we did not actively endorse and support ARC at this time as the only medium of service to our lads, WE WERE MOST CERTAINLY LETTING THEM DOWN by our vindictiveness.

Yours in YD,

— Ken Dennis.

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DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

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DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

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MONTPELIER-BARRE
"Washington County Chapter"
Commander: James F. Mayette
64 North St., Montpelier, Vt.
Secretary: Ralph A. Lawliss
51 Elm St., Barre, Vt.

Our monthly meeting was held on Sun. Evening, Feb. 27th, at the home of Buddy Ernest Lafayette in Barre. Around ten members and their wives attending a bountiful supper was served by the hostess the Mrs. which consisted of ham loaf, potato salad, hot rolls, coffee, pie and cheer, and a lovely large birthday cake, it just happened to be Mrs. Lafayette's Birthday. Since that meeting, great sorrow has struck the home of Ernest's parents, his father having died and was buried on Sat., March 11th, and again yesterday, P.M., a little after 4, March 18th, his mother dropped dead, while shopping in one of the stores on Main St. This chapter extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in its sorrow.

At the opening of our regular meeting in the usual maner the minutes of our last meeting were read and approved. Treas. gave his report.

Our chaplain, Kenneth McIntosh, was reported on the sick list, here is hoping that he is better. Dr. M. F. Cerasolin, 101st Am. Tr., Vice Com. of Vt. A.L., while making a call on one of his patients took the wrong door on leaving and landed at the bottom of the cellar stairs, he received a fractured shoulder, but at the present writing is coming along fine.

A motion was made and seconded that a prevailing ceiling price be put on for our meetings of 75c or less, according to the feeds.

Our next meeting will be at Com. James Mayette's in Montpelier, March 26th, at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected.

— Ralph Lawliss, Sec.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Emile Thibault, R-16 Chase St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary, Charles W. Davis, 21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

STATE MEETING

This meeting was called to order at 3 P.M. with Commander Crain of Leominster in the chair. All members were declared eligible to remain following which the prayer was offered by the Acting Chaplain, Earl Holbrook of Worcester. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report for the past month was read and showed a balance of $133.49. This report was also accepted as given. There being only one bill and that for printing for the Department for $2.50 was ordered paid. On the roll call of Chapters and their activities several showed a slight increase in membership; and installation of Officers of others to come at a later date. $3.10 was the total collected from those that failed to wear a Beret or a YD button at a State Meeting.

Comrade Sears, Commander of the 101st Infantry Ass'n., was introduced to the members of the State meeting, and in his few words stated that he was glad of the opportunity to say a few words to the members of the State Dept. He then in turn introduced three other Past Commanders of the 101st Inf. Ass'n., Comrades Coughlin, Powell and Kennedy.

Comrade White, of Boston, moved that the Department go on record as endorsing Comrade Macky, of Somerville, as Dept. Com. of the American Legion, this motion was seconded by the entire body. Comrade Coughlin, of Boston, takes pleasure in seconding the endorsement of Comrade Macky. Comrade Harry Block, of Worcester, as a member of the 104th, also takes pleasure in seconding the endorsement. Senior Vice Commander Emil Thibeault, of Salem, 101st F.A., also takes pleasure in seconding the endorsement.

Vice Commander Macky was then escorted to the platform for a few words to the members, stating briefly his qualifications as a member of the YD and a Legionnaire. His membership in the YD starts with its inception in Boston, also as a member of the 104th

Inf. Vet. Ass'n., since its return home; also has held several offices in the Dept. of the American Legion, such as Charter member of his own Post; several County Offices, and former State Treasurer of the Legion. He also spoke on the different items that are of interest to the members of both the YD and the American Legion.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Department Secretary send communications to all Chapters of the Department in regards to the action taken by it, for Comrade Macky.

The following Officers were elected by this Department for the year 1944-1945:

Commander, Emil Thibeault, of Salem; S. V. Com., Rudolph Hefty, of Lynn; J. V. Com., Joseph Watton, of Lawrence; Treasurer, Sam Farrell, of Fitchburg; Chaplain, Harry Block, of Worcester; Ser. Officer, Frank White, of Boston; Historian, John Meffin, of Springfield; Judge-Advocate, Clyde O. Elliott, of Worcester.

These Officers will be installed at the next meeting of the Department, that will be held on April 2, at the YD quarters, Howard St., Salem, Mass.

— Clyde O. Elliott,
Acting Secretary.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
198 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly Smoker of the YD Club of Boston was held on Thursday, March 16th. This was the annual meeting of the Club and the following were elected for the coming year:

President, Edward A. Connor, (101st Inf.); 1st V. P., Arthur F. Ryan, (102nd MG Bn.); 2nd V. P., Frank W. Coppinger, (101st Eng.); 3rd V. P., Erroll G. Emery, (104th Inf.); Treasurer, Albert M. Pacifici, (101st Inf.); Secretary H. Guy Watts, (104th Inf.); Directors, August K. Ely, James H. Sullivan, Francis C. White, A. C. Colombo, Louis LaLiberte, George A. McDonald.

Colonel John J. Carew was the principal speaker of the evening. Colonel Carew was a former member of E Co., 101st Infantry in World War No. 1 and has served with the 101st Engineers, NG since the new Division was formed. When the Division was called out he was the Commanding officer of the regiment and after a short time at Camp Edwards he was sent with the 182nd Task Force to the South Pacific. He saw plenty of action there and was awarded the DSC. He told of the great work that the boys from the old outfit had done and the many sacrifices they encountered to gain their objectives.

Brig. General William J. Blake gave a very good talk on the Veterans' Bureau set up. What they were doing for veterans of both war and the facilities they had to take care of all cases of this war.

AUXILIARY

The monthly meeting of the YD Auxiliary was held at the club, March 8th, with the same regular stand-bys present.

It would seem that with a great deal of the dim-out eliminated that more of our members could venture out in the evening to the monthly meetings, of course, a few of our members, namely Dorothy McCarthy, doing defense work, Marjie Murphy, keeping the telephone lines open, and Helen Kellen, doling out ration coupons are quite busy these times, but we would like to see them at a meeting occasionally.

President Catherine Reimer announced running a Bridge and Whist Party at the YD Club on Tuesday evening, March 28, 1944, with Hazel Murphy and Amelia Pinterets co-chairman.

It is hoped that this affair will prove a success both socially and financially.

The mystery package donated by Lillian Kellen was won by Nonie Nugent.

— Lillian M. Kellen.

CONCORD

"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: William L. McCarthy
407 Main St., West Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Michael J. Dee
Main St., West Concord, Mass.

March 14, 1944, Tuesday Meeting of Minute Men started at 8.30 p.m., 19 members present at New YD Cafe, Bedford.

Tony Iasi, 103rd Amb., proprietor of YD Cafe, where we have been holding our meetings has had some bad luck this month. On March 2 at 12.45 a.m., on a cold morning the old YD Cafe was burned to the ground and left Tony with only the clothes he was dressed in. This did not stop Tony as he moved next door into old Chickenland and started painting and repairing and was open for business the following Saturday night.

The new place is not as large but Tony is still fixing and spending the moola and by the next meeting the place will look a lot different and will be open for larger parties.

Three new members came in at this meeting, Charles E. Carton, F Co., 101st Inf., Charlie has been employed at Vets Facility in Bedford for 13 years, he should know how to handle the new boys as they come in.

Aubrey F. McDonald, Hqts. 104th Inf., also employed at Vets Hosp., Bedford.

Edgar A. Rohan, A Co., 104th Inf., Ed is holder of three decorations from this country and one foreign one, he is employed at Major Dee's Bastile in West Concord.

Meeting was started by Commander McCarthy and was going good until he asked for reading of minutes of last meeting, Secretary was not there and someone had forgotten to bring them to meeting, this is where Mooney started to go to Town. It seemed that Mooney was a little primed before he came in and then started all over again when the Ammo was brought in. He is still the jumping jack, up and down all through the meeting. Soon Mooney talked himself into something, he has offered the use of his home for the next whist party on Hancock St., Bedford. Hope Mrs. Mooney can see it Harold's way.

As long as we are on the Mooney man let's stay with it, he takes a lot of kidding and loves it. First time I met him was in July, 1918, in a hospital in Barsualls ???? the boys don't go for these names and it was known as Ballsonamoose just outside Neuchateau, Mooney was in the next bed to me, shot through both jaws, but it didn't stop him from talking. About five years ago Mooney came to Bedford and has been employed at Vets Hosp. here since.

What was in the Jug that Harold bought for Bernie Snee? And Mr. Bernard Snee is of the 103rd MG Batt., not the 102nd, and he wants the world to know it.

Jim O'Donnell, 101st Inf., Eddie Maguire, 101st Eng., and Hugo Nylander, 103rd Inf., were present, welcome strangers.

Who was the member while sick received a nice basket of fruit and would not let the family touch it, only look, he ate it all.

Dues for 1944 now due, April 1, get on the ball boys, we need the Doe. "Money Day" can't be making it all alone, has to have some help.

To Mrs. Day of Arlington (hope that husband of yours makes money for you like he does for us), but to Mrs. Day and Mrs. Booker of Lexington many thanks for the use of your homes for our whist parties and the orchids go to you for your help.

Professor O'Grady was in with the gang from the Bastile, Mulvany, McKeon, and Rohan. Do you really need a body guard to come to Bedford Professor.

A committee has been appointed to have a dinner party some time in April for members and their ladies and friends. Bernie Snee is chairman and Harold Mooney Pro tem., both Mg men, watch the ammo fly, other members Bill Mulvey, W. Concord, Harold Clapp, Acton, Hugo Nylander, Lexington, Cliff (Money) Day, Arlington, and Charlie Carton, Bedford, and the boys need help from all the members. "Strong Arm" Ed Maguire ducked this committee.

Members showed from Acton, Bedford, Concord, W. Concord, Lexington and Arlington, what about some more of the boys from other towns showing for a change.

Meeting was adjourned, most of the ammo was gone but over in one corner Windy Mooney was having spaghetti and meat balls and if Tony's YD forgot to put napkins on the table don't blame Mooney for what he done to the table cloth.

Ed (Pudd) McKenna, old Co. I, 6th, and later Co. B, 101st MPs, has been pretty sick and was at Waltham hospital. Pudd came home and decided he would like another rest and went to the John Adams Hospital in Chelsea, let Pudd tell it, oh boy, what attention, greatest place he has found in some time, always trying to help you over there and give you the best. After a couple of weeks in Chelsea, Pudd is to be sent to Vets Facility in Bronx, New York, for an operation and any of you guys that have a minute to spare sit down and drop him a line he sure will love it.

Remember he was one of the blacksmiths that served our slum in the last one, but don't hold that against him. When you have received this copy Pudd will be in New York. Send him a card.

S/Sgt. Ted Brooks of Co. H, 182nd, was guest speaker, he is home from the So. Pacific after two years stay there, his sickness is old age, a new disease in the Army, seems they don't want you there if you are over 38 years old. Says the army gives the boys everything they want, but letters from home, so if you know a kid in the neighborhood drop him a line best medicine in the world to keep the old morale up. After hearing the Sgt. speak I think the Army made a mistake in sending him home he talks to these young fellows like there father would to them, he has three hash marks on his sleeve besides the time he done over seas and should know his stuff by now.

Every one enjoyed the talk and I believe we see in a better light just what these men, who went away as kids are up against in the jungle and who have learned to fight fire with fire. The Sgt. believes the greatest sight he seen out there was when Commander Bill McCarthy's two boys met, one in Co H, and the other in the Marines, two boys away from home for two years meeting in a jungle, what a set up, but what a thrill for them.

Next meeting April 11, YD Cafe, Bedford, bring a new member or at least one of the boys that has not been around for some time, would like to see if they are as bald as I, or have grown whiskers since the last time they were at a meeting.

P.S. Why does Arlington and Lexington get there magazine, YD DOINGS, before us guys in the country. — Sul.

DANVERS

Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their Feb. meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Wed., Feb. 24, with the usual H B W hour followed by chicken supper and then movies from the U. S. Signal Corps which was a corker. It shows the battles in Russia and any YD chapter that wants to see a real film on up-to-the-minute warfare should get this film, just contact Serg. Mintz, tel. Arnold 6558 and he will make all arrangements for you, including use of machine if you want one. I don't know what the charge for the machine is as we use our own machine, but the films are free to vet organizations and are sound films, this one is exceptionally good.

We will hold our next meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Wed., March 29, and instead of the usual H B W hour we are going to call it the Francis Marchant hour in honor of our good comrade. Francis will play host to the boys of the chapter for that night. He is a member of D Batt., 101st F.A., and holds an important position with the Sylvania Lamp Co. at Ipswich, Mass. He is going to join up with Danvers Chapter the coming year. Welcome to our ranks, Francis, we know you will enjoy our meetings in the future. We had 37 out at the last meeting and it looks like a full house for the next one. It was voted at the last meeting to kick in a dime from each member and the fund will go to a son of YD each month for cigs., etc.

Several of the boys including Commander Moore will attend the testimonial banquet to Comrade McHugh who has just been elected to the City Council in Salem next Monday night at the Salem Chapter Hqtrs. Spot, as he is known, is Commander of Salem chapter. We have two of our members in the hospital, Charlie Snyder is at the Chelsea Naval and Paul Gallivan is at the Bedford Hospital, cheer up, fellows, we hope it won't be for long.

Had a fine letter from Ted Noyes, he is in England with the Air Corps and is now a Captain. Ted used to attend many of our meetings when he was State Dept. Commander, and he asked me to tell Mrs. Pike to have one of her chicken dinners ready for him when he gets back. He wishes to be remembered to all the boys from Danvers. Ted as you all know was one of the babies of the 104th Inf. He says he enjoys reading Yankee Doings and follows Danvers chapter doings with interest.

Well yours truly was elected Secretary of the State Dept. at their last meeting and so again I have a thankless job, and now I will have to have another write-up for Yankee Doings every month, why do I ever get myself into these pickles, I guess I am an easy mark or is it that I think a lot of the YD? I think the last is correct. It's a great outfit, I shall do my best along with "Sister" Thibault.

Now fellows by the time this is in print you will have received your notice of dues payable April 1st, so don't delay, send them right along and let's keep our membership at forty-two with a few new ones for 1944-5. We expected to see Benny Kimball at our last meeting. He sent back his reservation but he must have got lost on the way up from Conn. where he is employed. Try and make it the next time, Benny. Wes Grover is in town on a furlough from Camp Butner. Wes is the only member of the Chapter in the Service. He is Mst. Serg. in the 211th F.A. Well I guess that's all for this issue.

— C. W. Davis, Sec.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Urbain A. Riendeau
122 Laurel St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The regular monthly meeting was held in the usual place, St. George's Hall with Commander Riendeau presiding, with 33 members present.

Attending the meeting were members from Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner, Townsend and Harvard. We also have members who live in such places as Winchendon, Dorchester, Needham, Northampton, West Concord, Mass., and such out of state places as Newark, N. J. and West Hartford, Conn. (By the way, Bud, we have missed your smiling face since you have become a Past Commander.)

The next meeting of the Chapter will be a Past Commanders' Night. The Offices will all be filled with Past Commanders of the Chapter. Here's hoping for a successful evening.

The Chapter voted its annual contribution to the American Red Cross, which is doing its usual good job. Enough said.

State Commander Crain gave a report on the meeting held in New York, of the National Executive Committee, and also on the next State Meeting to be held in Salem on the 1st Sunday in April at which time the newly elected State Officers will be installed.

At this meeting Comrade Zingerella, who is on the Hospitalization Committee of the V.F.W. spoke on the needs of veterans in the hospitals. He asked that all comrades who had good books, and also canes to donate, to notify him and he would see that some reached the comrades who are in need of same.

The door prize or rather the attendance prize at this meeting was won by one of our hardest working members, Past Commander Charles Gougere.

Following this the usual Java and Sinkers were served by the efficient refreshment committee, Farmer Brown and Chaplain Morau. — Russ Aldrich.

HAVERHILL
Commander: Ernest A. Meteyer
Old Groveland Rd., Bradford, Mass.
Secretary: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut St., Groveland, Mass.

Since the last YD write up Haverhill Chapter efforts have been mostly confined to routine business, so I know of no better time than now to give "Credit where credit is due".

With the above thought in mind I take the privilege of dedicating this write up to the YD comrades who have guided the life of Haverhill Chapter, Y.D.V.A., since its organization, the Past Commanders.

Haverhill Chapter was organized in Sept., 1937, with Comrade John Dwyer as the first chapter commander, John served as Commander the balance of 1937 and the year of 1938. John served with 101st Eng. The most outstanding event while John was commander was a Grand Military Ball at the State Armory, when the members of the Auxiliary presented the Chapter with a stand of Colors, and those Colors have been carried in every YD National Convention Parade since. Membership in 1938 was 76 paid up members.

The second comrade to serve as chapter commander was Harry B. Pluff, Co. F, 104th Inf. Harry had a membership of 67 members. The year 1939 was noted for the untiring efforts of the Chapter Commander in assisting comrades with various veteran claims and that very successfully. A very worthy achievement.

The third Commander was Martin F. Goyette, Batt. A, 102nd F.A., with a membership of 54. That year the convention was held in Boston, and it was there that the Haverhill YD Glee Club made its first public appearance. The outstanding event of the year was the Centennial Celebration which was brought to a close with one of the largest parades in the history of Haverhill. Haverhill Chapter invited all State Depts. and Chapters to be our guests and for music we had the YD Juniors of Boston and the old YD sure went to town that day with refreshments served at the Dugout after the Parade by our Auxiliary.

The fourth commander of the chapter was another comrade of Batt. A, 102nd F.A., Roy Wightman, who had a membership of 48. Roy with the splendid cooperation of the members and the auxiliary had one of the finest years of any commander. A large delegation attended the National Convention in Manchester, N. H., for the parade the chapter hired the Drum Corps of the Wilbur M. Comeau Post 4, A.L., and with our Glee Club in the form of a Baton Team Haverhill surely made a grand showing. Another event was a Military Ball at the Polish Home which was well attended. On Armistice Day the YD Juniors, our own Drum Corps turned out for the first time, and did themselves proud. In Jan. when Co. A, 182nd Inf., N.G., was mobilized for service the Drum Corps of the A.L. with city officials acted as escort to the Company to the Depot where many sad farewells were said, BUT — It was the Colors of the old YD that immediately proceeded Co. A, 182nd Inf., on that never to be forgotten march to the depot on that cold Jan. morning after the most severe snowstorm of the winter.

Commander number five was the comrade who is the present Secretary, so I say without fear that any and all success that I had as a Commander was due to the very fine help of the Chapter and Auxiliary members. In 1942 Haverhill had a membership of 49. The commander that year was another Batt. A comrade. Our Junior Drum Corps did themselves proud on Memorial Day. Then came the big event, the National Convention in Springfield, through the efforts of the Drum Corps members as well as the members of the chapter and auxiliary the drum corps went along, and what a trip. On Sept. 29th, the Junior Drum Corps put on a three quarter hour entertainment on Washington Square, to assist in the purchase of War Bonds.

As Chapter Commander it was my privilege to serve on several parade committees which included John J. Butler, a YD comrade, and also a member of the Am. Legion, Raymond Allen who was Commander of the Am. Legion Post, also James Murphy, a member of the Am. Legion. I can truly say that I enjoyed every minute of service on those committees.

In 1943 the Chapter Commander was none other than a comrade who had faithfully served the cause of the YD not only in 1918 but as an officer of Haverhill Chapter in various offices since the Chapter was organized, none other than Francis P. Lynch, Co. F, 104th Inf. The year 1943 saw the Chapter with a membership of 48. A delegation of chapter and auxiliary members attended the one day convention in Boston, came back on Sunday, and a good time was had by all. Some of the outstanding events in 1943 were through the efforts of the chapter commander.

When the third War Bond Drive started, on invitation of the Colonial Theatre management, the YD of Haverhill put on Color Ceremonies assisted by a delegation of WACS. Another very fine event for the War Bond effort was a War Bond Rally at Haverhill City Hall when our prniciple speaker was Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., wife of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Mrs. Patton was accompanied to Haverhill by her youngest daughter, Ruth Ellen Totten,

wife of Lieut. Col. Totten who is overseas. At another War Bond Rally at the Paramount Theatre the Color Ceremonies with a few changes were used.

Under the leadership of Commander Lynch, Haverhill Chapter can take just pride in the part that they played in the War Bond effort of Haverhill for the year 1943.

— W. Perry Tarleton, Sec'y.

YD Auxiliary

The month of March is most gone but the YD Aux. is going strong. An invitation has been extended to the Chapter to have a joint meeting and get-together, Wednesday night, Mar. 22. Imagine the discussions that will take place, plans will be drawn up for the coming months. A fish chowder supper is to be served under the chairmanship of good old Vichy Vincent and her committee.

Sr. Vice Pres. Ruth Meteyer has a big job on her hands for April. She is chairman of a Giant Penny Sale, so everybody get behind her and do your share, tickets are available from all Aux. members.

The sixth anniversary of the Aux. is to be celebrated Monday, April 27, at the Capri in Lawrence. About seventy-five members of the Chapter and Aux. are expected to attend. A grand time is planned by the committee and why not when Delia Bush is chairman. Jr. Vice Pres. Margaret Powers, membership chairman is on the go.

Our hospital and relief work is so great we need all the assistance we can get.

Letters have been received from several sons and husbands in the service, what a fine job they are doing.

We held a Valentine and Costume Party in February, if anyone wants to know about the future call on Queen Alice DeLoria, she can read your palm, for she won the first prize in her Gypsy costume. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blair won the prize waltz.

We welcome all former members at all times, so come when you can, we meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Past Pres. Bertha Welch wishes to be remembered to all her friends. Past Pres. Ann Pluff has been very sick, but is on the gain, hope to see you soon Ann. Chapter Com. Ernest Meteyer is laid up with a very bad cold, at this time we wish him the best of luck for a speedy recovery. After each meeting birthdays for the month are observed, cards and cakes are given each birthdayer.

— Carrie E. Rowell,
Aux. Sec.

LYNN
Commander: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

At our last smoker, a large crowd attended and a grand show was put on under supervision of S.V.C. Robert Newman assisted by Sgt.-at-Arms Leslie Pugh, Secretary Ed Trudell, Historian Herbert Weeks and George Walton, Charles Scanlon and William Eddows. Movies and a fine luncheon were served. Twenty-five soldiers from nearby Air Corps School were our guests and one of them had a dad in the old YD, but we didn't get the name.

The Chateau Thierry Club provided one of the high-lights of the evening with Dick Hennessey, The Duke, Oliver Nichols, Claude Hoag and Leslie Pugh leading lights.

A big surprise to all took place at next meeting when our good friend and Comrade Captain Harold "Doc" Crowell popped in on the gang, escorted by Al Michaud, Bert Narbis and Hal Guppy. Doc gave us a fine talk on his experiences in Africa, Italy and England. On a special mission, Doc flew from Africa to Scotland, met his son Sgt. Robert Crowell in England, then flew the Atlantic back to old U.S.A. and grabbed a special furlough home. Doc looks fine, is just as enthusiastic as ever on Army life, rarin' to get back again with his fightin' Air Corps M.P.'s. Doc will fly back again and we all wish him — good luck. It sure was a thrill hearing Doc's comparison of World War I with II.

At next meeting we held annual nomination of officers with following results — for: Commander, Robert Newman, 103rd Infantry, unopposed; Senior V. C. Christian Schacht, 101st Infantry, opposed by James Connolly, 101st F.A.; Junior V. C. Lloyd Pitman, 102nd F.A. and Carl Ruddock, 104th Inf.; Treasurer, A. Raymond Doucette, P.N.C., 101st F.A.; Historian, Herbert Weeks, 101st Eng.; Chaplain, Walter Smith, 104th Inf.; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ivan Comeau, 104th Inf.; Trustee Trust Fund, Harold Guppy, 101st F.A.; Executive Committee, five to be elected, William Gaffney, Harold Hanlon, Percy Paige, Richard Hennessey, Harry Moore, William Eddows, George Walton, George Curley.

Nominations close at March 21st meeting and election takes place March 28th. Then our monthly smoker also takes place for The Big Nite of the year.

Our big Hospital Fund Tag Day takes place April 28th, 29th, May 1st, and 2nd and with assistance from our fine Auxiliary and Junior Drum and Bugle Corps

we hope to make it a big financial success, so we can continue our work for all YD comrades in Hospital or at home. P.N.C. Ray Doucette is chairman assisted by a big committee with Gus Johnson and Beth Barnaby as co-chairman.

Installation of Officers will take place at Oxford Club on April 11th.

The Chapter lost one of its good members when on March 12th Edward Philpot passed away. Eddie has been ailing for some time with heart trouble and gave it a good battle. He served with Battery E, 101st F.A. and received the Purple Heart for being gassed in 1918. He leaves his wife and three children, one of them Edward Jr., being a Navy Aviation Cadet now stationed in Florida. Full military honors were paid Eddie with the YD in charge. James Connolly was in charge of directing, assisted by Harry Moore and Peter Perrault. Bearers were Harold Guppy, John Sullivan, George Warren, Claude Hoag, Gustave Johnson, George Curley and Emel Tibault. Color bearers were Rudolph Heftys and Robert Stanchfield, and color guards, Leander Maes and Oliver Nichols, all YD men. Ritual at the cemetery was performed by Commander Earl Bailey, S.V.C. Robert Newman, J.V.C. Christian Schacht and Chaplain Walter Smith. A delegation from Post Office headed by Carl Witham assisted along with William P. Connery Post 6, A. L. headed by Commander Patrick Meagher and P.C. Stephen M. Walsh, Jr. It was a fine tribute paid to a real and true YD man.

— Ray Doucette.

NEW BEDFORD
Commander: Louis Marcoux
34 Arlington St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Charles Bowden
55 Fruit St., New Bedford, Mass.

Our regular monthly smoker and nomination and election of Officers were held in Carpenter's Hall, Sixth Street, Tuesday evening, Mar. 14.

The new slate of Officers elected for the coming year 1944-5 are as follows:

Commander, Louis Marcoux; Senior Vice, Armand Duclois; Junior Vice, Ernest Parker; Chaplain, Bill Barter; Treasurer, Walter Johnson; Secretary, open until next meeting, as there are half a dozen candidates fighting for the job; Sergeant-at-Arms, Alvah Taylor; Trustees, Dr. A. B. Crowe, Dr. Frederick Winship and Ray Manchester.

Our present Commander Louis Marcoux has worked hard during the past year and we were all pleased that he was elected to another term.

Well, we have finally voted on the question of dues, and due to the majority vote, dues will now be $3.00 per year beginning April 1st. Two dollars for the National Chapter and one dollar for the local chapter. So comrades dues are now due.

Our installation of Officers will be held May 9th in Carpenter's Hall, Sixth St., and we hope that the National Commander will be able to come down this way, to install our officers and we hope our State officers will be here. By the way we will also have our Mayor with us that evening.

Comrades, our chairman of membership, Len McDonnell's annual headache has arrived again. Won't you help him out this year by going to him with your dues instead of him having to chase you. Give him a break as we want to turn in a good membership at our installation, May 9.

We have decided to give a Bond at every meeting, so comrades attend the meetings and you may be the lucky member.

Comrade Fortin has two boys that have gone into the service and we wish them the best of luck, and we know that they will prove themselves to be as good soldiers as their father was.

Our next meeting is April 11, and we are hoping for a good attendance and bring along your dues.

— Charles Bowden, Sec.

SALEM
Commander: William E. McHugh
312 Essex St., Salem
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

Well Salem Chapter had its big night last night, Mar. 20. Our annual YD Night and Testimonial Banquet to our Commander, Councillor William E. McHugh, and what a night, what a storm on our Commander's birthday, well sir, the place was packed, and I don't mean maybe. Two hundred in our quarters is a lot of people, I have not the time to go into detail as this write up has to be in the hands of YD Doings today.

First of all our own and only, the pride ofYDVA, National Commander Bill Forsyth, and his gracious wife, were with us. They were officially received at Salem City Hall previous to the affair, by our Mayor Edward A . Coffey and City Officials, a man had to be a real YD man to come from Penn. to Salem on a time like we had on the 20th. Thanks a million, Bill and the Mrs.

Our Ambassador of Good Will, Mayor Edward A. Coffey, was at our party, he never misses one, if he ever does we will send the Police Cruiser after him. Also in attendance — Mayor Daniel McLean of Beverly, State Representatives James Tobin and Edmond Talbot; City Councillors, Phil Durkins, Wilfred

Poitras, Francis Rafter, Arthur Crosby, James Muse, Julian Cztela; School Board member, Frank Murray; our own member Jack Cooley, live wire City Councillor of Peabody, Jack Splaine, Soldier Welfare Chairman; City Clerk Gus Toomes, City Marshal John C. Harkins, Fire Chief Arthur L. Flynn, Assistant District Attorney Elmer Callahan.

Our Nat. Sec. H. Guy Watts was with us. Yours truly who was toastmaster while in the process of introducing various guests, just introduced Guy to take a bow, while he had Guy on the program to call on Guy to speak his piece, excuses don't mean much, I hope that Guy will pardon me for making this error.

Our own General Charles Cole could not make the party on account of the weather, but he sent us a letter of regrets, I know the General was anxious to make the party. We know he was with us in spirit at least.

Our State Commander Harold Crain no doubt could not get to Salem from Fitchburg on account of the snow storm. We missed you and the Mrs. Harold.

Also as guests, Lt. Commander Henry C. Nichols, U.S.N., Col. George George Dawson, 24th M.S.G., Pat Cuffe, Batt. E, 101st F.A., song bird of World War I entertained with old time war songs. Beverly Chapter had Fred Creed; Danvers Chapter (never heard of 104th Inf.) Charles Davis, Harvey Bishop, Smith, and three others whom I forgot. Lynn Chapter had Rudolph Hefty, and his better looking and better half the Mrs.

Charlie Webster, Worcester Chapter, Spot McHugh's old buddy, came all the way from Worcester to be with Spot McHugh on his night. That is again the old YD Spirit.

Our own live wire Ladies Auxiliary unveiled an honor roll of all sons and daughters of YD Vets in the service.

Our Nat. Commander Bill was presented with 22 members the result of this party — here are the names of some that I can remember: John F. Bates, Jack Cooley, Allen E. Fellows, Sam King, Ernest J. Pelletier from Peabody, Nap Lablanc, Fred Jefferson, Al Lareau, Walter W. Annable, Chester E. Staten, Captain of B Co., 104th Inf., Charles Leger, Louis Beaulieu, Blackie St. Charles, Gus Madore, Leo Petit, Jos. Breault, Jos. St. Charles, and more to come.

Bill McHugh was presented a watch and bracelet. He had his good-to-look-at-daughter, Marion, as his escort.

Our sympathy to Comrade John F. Bates on the loss of his mother on the 19th.

Well I have to go to work, I know I have forgotten something, but have not the time to scratch my head. — Sister Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD
Commander: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

At the last meeting of the chapter we had the election of officers for the coming year which are as follows: Commander, Harry Valentine, Sr. Vice John Meffen; Jr. Vice, Walter Gilligan; Secretary, Roy Coons, Treasurer, Benjamin Johnson; Judge Advocate, Earle Chapman; Historian, George Norton; Chaplain, Francis Seyssel, Sgt.-at-Arms, William Berard, and the three Trustees, Robert Beach, Dennis Brunton and Roswell Patch.

Plans have been under way for the past few weeks for the installation of officers which is going to be held at the Hotel Kimball and it is going to be a joint installation and this committee is headed by Chairman David Hogan from the chapter and Mrs. Mary Brunton from the auxiliary and consisting of all the officers from both. This committee I will say is the best committee for attending meetings and they are working very hard to make this one of the best installations the chapter has ever had and believe me we have had some very nice installations. The committee has already received word from the National Commander and the National Sgt.-at-Arms that they are planning to attend this affair and do the installing. More later on this affair.

I was sorry to read in the Yankee Doings of the death of my good Sgt. Michael Tierney who was my platoon sgt. during the first war and brought up on the same street in that little town of Clinton, Mass. So I would like through the Doings to send my deepest sympathy to the Mrs. and the family and the Philadelphia Chapter. — Roy M. Coons, Co. K, 101st Inf.

It came to me the other night that we had a pastry baker in the chapter and a very good one too, it seems that he went to a certain party's home the other night and proceeded to make apple pies and from all reports all you needed to eat the pies were a saw and a hammer. How about it Seyssel?

Well our newly elected Commander (Hornet) Harry Valentine, they tell me, is going to have a banner year if all his plans are worked out. How about it, Hornet? When you get buzzing around.

At the meeting Friday night we had the pleasure of hearing Capt. Edward Stromwall, who now is on the inactive list, speak on his tour of duty while in the service of the second war. This was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting.

It was reported that Comrade Earle Bliss was taken to the hospital very suddenly, but the latest report is that he is now at home and coming along

very nicely. The chapter hopes for a speedy recovery.

Well another year has gone by and dues are now due again and if you will just put $3.00 in an envelope and mail them to Benjamin Johnson, 185 Maynard St., Springfield, Mass. and SAVE the GAS.

Well I can honestly say that it was a pleasure this past year to be the secretary to our now Past Commander Roswell Patch as it sure was good to work with him as he did make a very good Commander and I enjoyed every meeting throughout the year.

— Roy M. Coons,
Secretary.

Springfield Auxiliary

Not having any exciting news for the last two issues, haven't sent any items in.

Feb. 21st we held a very successful card party in our meeting rooms. Prizes were given for highest score at every table besides over thirty door prizes. A huge basket of fruit and jams were given as a mystery prize. A luncheon of varied home made cakes and coffee were served. Everyone was much pleased with the party and wanted to know how soon we were going to have another.

We are holding combined meetings every week until our installations and everything is shaping up nicely for the gala affair. We are holding it at the Kimball Hotel and it looks like a full evening ahead.

April 8th is the date, so will give a good account of this in the May issue.

Our next meeting will be the 20th of this month when we will nominate our officers for the forthcoming year. — Marion A. Hogan, Sec.

WORCESTER

Commander: Harold A. Nute
2 Preston St., (3), Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., (2), Worcester, Mass.

March 2, this chapter had its regular monthly meeting at which the Officers that were elected last October, under the old set-up, were re-elected for a full year term, ending March 31, 1945; so with the added time they claim that the chapter will show better results. Several new members have been added since the new Officers have taken office.

This chapter has appointed the following committee to arrange for the Annual Dinner Dance, that will be held this year at "Mal Kelly's Rainbow Gardens", on Tuesday, April 11, at 8 P.M.: James Kierstead, Chairman, Earl P. Holbrook, Treasurer, Edward S. Bird, Joseph F. Tivnan and Leonard A. Johnson, according to the above committee everybody is assured of a good time so just put on your best "bib and tucker" and sally forth to the Gardens.

Speaking of "Yankee Ingenuity" we have a candidate for that honor. Recently when the chapter wanted a new way to draw the attendance prize (so that it wouldn't be confined to just Falk, Oster, Simonian and Nute) Eddie Racicot sat back in the chair, scratched his head, and came up with the idea of shooting for it in this manner. He had a wheel with numbers on it to correspond with the number of members of the chapter, then with a dart gun that he resurrected from his sojourn in the Philippines he had Austin Kennedy (who spent about twenty minutes practicing so that he could shoot it straight) fire it at the spinning wheel then what ever number the dart landed on was the winner. Makes me think of the time Eddie rigged up the idea of counting the members of the battery when they lined up for chow on the Chateau Thierry drive, he had a register that he rang up every time every one was served, in that way he could tell when he served all of the members of the battery (possibly the idea was also to curb the "Emmett Guards" who used to come wandering around at mess time for a free feed from a big hearted outfit).

I see by the papers that the old YD is now made up of troops from the south or crackers to the ordinary Yard Bird. Imagine those boys trying to carry on the traditions of a "damned" Yankee Division. Wonder what Gen. Thomas F. Foley will think of if he should ever get a hold of one of the rosters of the new outfit, (taking a line from Al Banks, "shades of the Irish what's happened to the O'Tooles, O'Haras, O'Briens, Kennedys, Jones, Wrightsons, Morrisseys, Scales, Savages to name a few.") Well more power to them may they continue to carry the name of YD to greater glory.

Some of the Comrades of the Chapter have sons that have advanced in the service, or others that have fallen into the enemies' hands, but we have been holding off until the Special Editions of the Doings have been published so that we wouldn't take up too much space. So watch future issues for more pictures of our sons and daughters. The chapter is working on the idea of honoring, in some way, our children when they return from their activities.

Henry R. Anderson is beaming with pride these days at his son. Richard rec'd his basic aviation cadet training at Miami Beach, Fla. and Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana, Richard was drum sergeant in YD Jr. Drum Corps, graduated from Classical High and attended Clark College summer school.

Next month being the opening of the fishing season Commander Nute says that he is going to renew acquaintances with the Three Little Fishes that is IF

— He can find a pole some place. Has anybody in the Dept. got one that they don't want; that they will sell him or do they know where one can be bought?

Met Joe Watton of Lawrence at the State meeting so when we inquired about Fred C. Worsley of Metheun he said that he was a very good friend of his, visits with him quite a lot. Glad to hear that Fred is feeling so well. What's happened to "Pop" Shannon. Never see him at the meetings lately — Earl Saunders likewise. The old bug-a-boo is around again, Dues are Due — let's keep up the good work of our Officers in boosting the membership of the organization — Then, Now and Forever always YD — How many more plan to make fishing a hobby? — Boy, how the war effort keeps news items down — Well until next month, see you then. DUES are DUE.

— C. O. E.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: William E. Bergin, 105 Prospect Hill Ave., Natick, R. I.

Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

STATE MEETING

The meeting of the R. I. State Dep't. was held on Thursday evening, March 16, 1944 in the Apremont Chapter rooms the meeting being called to order at 9 p. m. with Com. Bergin in the chair. Reports of Officers and Committees received and accepted. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for the coming year and their being no counter nominations they were duly elected and will be installed Wed., April 12, 1944, in the Prov. Chap. rooms, in Harrison St., Prov.:

Commander, John J. Kelly, Prov. Chap.; Sr. V. Com., James Macallum, Apremont Chap. Jr. V. Com., Carl Olsen, Kent County Chap.; Chaplain, David Davidson, Prov. Chap.; Secretary, Howard Hunt, Apremont Chap.; Treasurer, John Morin, Apremont Chap.; Historian, Herb Murray, Apremont Chap.; Trustees appointed were: Guy Kittredge, Prov. Chap.; Jos. L. Bourget, Apremont Chap., and Carl Olsen, Kent County Chap. Roll call of Chapters found Prov. 7, Kent County 6, and Apremont the host Chapter 30 members present. Installation night will be a big affair with three chapters and the State Dep't. all being installed by our Nat. Commander Wm. A. Forsyth. So Come out strong and give Bill a real home-coming welcome.

— Arnold E. Beech,
Retiring Dept. Sec.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Joseph N. Frechette
97 Sherman St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Our regular meeting was Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. in British-American hall, High Street, with about 40 members present, also about 10 members of Providence chapter and about five members from Kent County Chapter, there being a State meeting following our regular meeting.

Well, Comrades, we had our membership bond drawing which was won by one of our members. I can't think of his name at this time but will have it in later. Up to date, we have 70 paid-up members for the year 1944, so come on Comrades get your dues in to see if we can't give the newly elected officer a good start and get our membership over 100% of last year's, which is only 115 members. Pay your dues to the Secretary Ralph Dexter, 43 Thornley Street, Pawtucket, as soon as you can.

Your newly elected officers for the year are:

Commander, James Macallum; Sr. Vice Commander, Albert Plante; Jr. Vice Commander, John Mallon; Chaplain, Arnold Beech; Treasurer, Joseph L. Bourget; Secretary, Ralph W. Dexter; Historian, Herbert H. Murray; Trustees, (3yrs.), Clifton W. Arnold.

The installation will take place on April 12th, 1944, at Providence Chapter at which time the National Commander William A. Forsyth will install the officers of the three chapters and also the State Department officers.

Comrades, I would like at this time to thank all the officers and comrades for the cooperation they gave me during the year and also congratulate the new officers going in.

Oh yes, we also had a raffle — a bottle of good whiskey — Jimmy Dyson had to take it back to Kent County because he couldn't get any out there in the sticks, Ha! Ha!

— Joseph N. Frechette.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER
Commander: James Dyson
32 Whiting Ave., Lakewood, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur F. Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

Kent County chapter held their regular meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall, School Street, Crompton, R. I., Saturday, March 11th, with election of officers.

Commander James Dyson called the meeting to order to the largest turn-out in a long time. After all chapter business was transacted the Commander called for nomination of officers. Chairman Carl Olson, of the nominating committee, presented the following names:

Commander, George MacLeod; Senior Vice, Eddie Luther; Jr. Vice, William Lumerick; Treasurer, Carl Olson; Secretary, Arthur Brown; Chaplain, James Dyson; Sgt.-at-Arms, William E. Bergin; Trustees, Charles Bishop and John G. Beteau. There was no opposition and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was then duly closed with congratulations to the new elected officers.

As your Commander's time of office is coming to a close, I would like to thank the officers and members for their support which they have given me, and I especially want to thank the ladies of the Auxiliary for their support and for the wonderful suppers which they put on after the meetings. I also want to give my thanks to our loyal Secretary Arthur Brown, as his job is a thankless one and I hope that he will continue to do as good, for the coming year.

— James Dyson, Commander.

PROVIDENCE
Commander: Michael Crescenzo
863 Hope Street, Providence, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Road, Cranston, R. I.

We have just received a call from Howard P. Salter that P.C. Raymond Taylor has passed away. Two weeks ago he was stricken with a heart attack, he passed the crisis on Sunday, March 12th. On Monday he suffered another attack and died suddenly. At this writing plans are in the making for a military funeral. Commander Crescenzo will head the Y.D.V.A. Commander Dunn, the YD Legion, and I. Howard Gorham, President of the Battery A. Association will head a delegation from his old outfit.

This being the last write-up under the name of Commander Crescenzo, Murray and Mack are going to dedicate it to one of the finest soldiers we have ever met. No, comrades, it is not Brig. Gen. Harold A. Barker, Col. Edward C. Forsythe or Col. Dwight F. Colley, but just a plain every day soldier who has done more for Democracy and America than our humble words can ever express.

It seems only like yesterday that we sat in the stadiums of our High Schools and watched LaSalle, Cranston and other schools battle for the supremacy of the diamond and the gridiron. Every hit and every yard gained meant a step towards victory. As lovers of the game of give and take we cheered on the exploits of Joe, Ed, Jim, Howie, Bill, Jack, Ernie, Al, Ray, Guy, Mike, Herve, Bob, Don and other names most dear to you. Yes, my comrades, those were the happy days when peace reigned over this great nation of ours.

1944 — What a year for thoughts. As we sit here tonight in the old rocking chair and gaze into that photograph on the piano we are trying to answer the many questions asked of us. Do you think his ship has reached its port of destination? I wonder if he's on another mission over Germany? I wonder if he'll be home on furlough? And that question of all questions which none of us can answer. When do you think this war will be over?

As soldiers of this old YD we know from experience that war is but a stinking jade of hell. It separates those who loved and those whom we loved. We know from the hell and horror of Chateau Thierry that the shells and the bullets, of the enemy, like our own, respects neither race, creed nor color. Men in order to live in peace must die in order that you and I continue on to live the American way of life. Yes, that's the ideal our sons and daughters are fighting for. In this fateful year of 1944 we, of the old YD, hope and pray that the great God above grants them all a safe return.

It's God's will that this fine and brave soldier of ours shall never suffer the tortures of the great invasion now in the making. No, this soldier may never know the hell of New Guinea, Africa, Italy, where brave men die with a smile on their lips. Fate has willed that this fine soldier must fight the greatest battle of all. Yes, the Battle of Anxiety. To you and to you of this old YD she may have been called Lill, Kitt or Sue. To those grand and splendid sons and daughters fighting this war of Unconditional Surrender she will and always will be — Mother — the finest and the bravest soldier of them all. May God bless her and keep her to see a happier Mother's Day.

Thanks, boys, for allotting us your space in tribute to our deal pal. So let's go on the Chapter's business. The march meeting was opened by Commander Crescenzo with the usual respect to our flag and tribute to our departed buddies. Senior V. C. Davidson and J.V.C. Dunn reported progress on social affairs and membership. Horace Thayer, reported the Chapter in the black which is always good news. "Red" Laffey donned the cloth of the Chaplain and reported our regular Chaplain, "Paddy" Whitman ill at home and since then a patient at the U.S.N. Hospital. Just another Davidson, boys, Anus and Andy trouble. Aubrey Bartlett, recuperating and one of our new members Clifton O. Emmons, down on his back with pneumonia. And also P.C. Ed Mara in the feathers with the grippe. Well, gang,

keep up your courage with the hope you have all recovered in time to file your income tax. In April we expect a lot of sickness (nervous breakdowns) not Uncle Sam, but you.

P.C. John Kelly, Act. Chrm. of the nominating committee presented the list of officers for the ensuing year. Commander, David Davidson; S.V.C., Francis Dunn; J.V.C., Ralph Whitman; Sec's, Murray-Mack; Treasurer, Horace O. Thayer; Historian, James J. Girvan; Chaplain, Walter Vickery; Judge Adv., Edwin M. Mara, and Trustee, Kirk B. Smith. There being no opposition slate, Act. Sec. Guy Kittredge cast one ballot for the new officers.

Under the good of the YDVA a motion was made by Chick Storey that we purchase candy for the Madames: Mara, Fenner and Salafia who assisted in preparing the dinner for P.C.'s night. A donation was made to the A.R.C. P.S.C. Frank McCaffery commented on the coming installation and the visit of our Nat'l Commander. Ken Dennis, our Ambassador of good-will told of his experience in visiting the sick, lame and lazy of the P.C. who make the U.S.N. Hospital at Newport, their haven.

Crowell, Stratford, Vogt and Dennis have added to their Newport list another new member by the name of Jack Kirchner, formerly of B Co., 103rd M.G.B., Nat'l Commander kindly take notice that Newport is not playing Rip Van Winkle. From Greenville we received the application of Clifton O. Emmons and also one from Dave Goldberg. What outfit, Dave?

This being the last meeting of the year Commander Crescenzo was duty bound to get rid of the dough in the Kitty. Fred Galloway, a new member was given the honor of drawing the names. The winner: John V. Trouve, $32.33. Jack being absent received nothing but the honor. Grandpa Laffey, the honorable parent of Felix suggested that we continue choking the feline until he produced six $5.00 winners. Ken Dennis, Francis Dunn, Ted Hird, Ed Ayotte, Frank McCormick and "Baldy" Eley. Major Jack Mitchell kindly take notice that Mack and Eley finally split. The losers, Capt. Tom Keenan, Capt. Carl Eden, Herve Cauchon, Everett S. Hartwell, Fred L. Walsh, Gus Hampton, Howard Hopkins, Armonda Cianfarani, Charles Lakey, Ray Crowell and Gus Stratford. If "Seaweed" and "Rubber Heels" Stratford had risked their lives in taking a ninety-nine mile ride (four hours' ride) in Dennis' 1931 oil burner the Newport delegation would have walked away with $15.00. You're right, boys, it wasn't worth the risk.

The membership in the Chapter will decrease by one member if Leo Bottari doesn't lay off taking P. C. Henry McCarthy's hat. He lost one at the Jan. meeting, another at the February. After the March meeting he walked out with three hats. From observing those nine hairs on Henry's head, all of whom live in separate apartments, we know that the old second baseman of B Battery doesn't need three chapeaus to keep warm. Please, Leo, lay off cribbing hats.

Commander Crescenzo in a closing gesture wants to thank all members of the Chapter for the splendid support given him this year. It is his earnest hope that you re-ups your dues for the coming year and support your newly elected officers with the same spirit in '44-'45 as you did in '43.

Danny Clifford, our genial coffee maker failed to put in an appearance. The boys missed his ration of fluid. It's our own fault. We gave him a raise in salary last month. — Dan, you're fired, but don't forget the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 1944. — Murray-Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clyde G. Beckwith, Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clarence A. Roys, 87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Your department commander is proud of the fact that our regular monthly meetings have been held without a skip for the entire year and that at least a quorum has been present to conduct business. Five of these meetings have been held at New Haven's YD clubhouse and the department appreciates that chapter's willingness to be host so often. Two meetings were held at the Bridgeport V.F.W. Hall and one each at Meriden, Manchester, Hartford, New London, and Willimantic. We were glad to participate in the Flag Day exercises at Meriden and to install the New London chapter officers at the meeting there. One special meeting was held on the edge of Rhode Island to install our baby chapter, Groton-Stonington. In spite of war rationing we were fortunate enough to have ample refreshments at these meetings. We will long remember the clam chowder at Groton-Stonington, steaks at Manchester, roast beef at Bridgeport, etc.

The difficulty in making proper contacts with the chapters has handicapped the work of the department. However, by using the trains and buses to supplement his gasoline quota, your commander has

attended all regular and special meetings of the department and has enjoyed the following excellent affairs: Bristol's meeting and lobster dinner at Bill Thompson's, Meriden's September rally and the April installation, Hartford's smorgasbord in February on the anniversary of the YD initiation on the Chemin des Dames, Bridgeport's Armistice Eve dinner at the Roseland, Hartford's movie show on New Year's Night at Newington, Willimantic's Past Commanders' Night in January at the Legion Hall and the April installation at Gardiner Hall's in South Willington, New Haven's Past Commanders' night in February, Stamford's election in March, and the Ben Bourn dinner at the City Club. Your commander thanks you one and all for the privilege of being with you at these affairs and for the hospitality furnished. We also thank our National Commander for being willing and able to be present at, and participate in so many of these affairs. Assisting in the transportation problem (cars, of course, as gasoline isn't legal) the following members rate many thanks. Commander Peterson and George Both of Manchester, Euclid Pimpare of Windham County, Commander Earl Lyon and S.V.C. Mills of Groton-Stonington, Will Salladin of Bristol, and Commander George Carlos of Bridgeport.

The department commander has seen fit to show our good will to other organizations by attending various affairs of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Boy Scout rally in Hartford, the Purple Heart dinner in Meriden. One of the visits to Newington included the dedication of trees to Dr. Maher and Major Bannigan. The saddest duty performed was attending the funeral of Past National Commander Leonard J. Maloney, whose counsel was a guide and whose loss cannot be replaced.

The hardest job in the department is that of secretary which was ably performed by Clarence Roys of Meriden. The only meetings he missed were those occasioned by the calling out of the State Guard of which he is a member. My sergeant-at-arms, Euclid Pimpare, did all I asked him to do, faithful as he always has been to his duties. Commander Dube of New Haven carried more than his share of the committee work, including the duties of the junior vice commander, and the department appreciates the fact that the work was well done. I could name a dozen more whose work should be commended but these men mentioned especially eased the load for the department commander.

In closing let me state that you have elected a fine slate of officers for the coming year. Support them. Chairman Al Herman, of the nominating committee, was absolutely right under our department constitution to allow every chapter in good standing to have its say. This resulted in two names being offered for each of two offices and the committee was wise to allow both names to go before the meeting rather than going through the formality of additional nominations from the floor. The men defeated both made a good run, much better than I did when my name was up for the first time before the department. I hope to live long enough to see both of those men as department commanders. Meanwhile, don't forget that the men elected are willing and able to do a first class job.

Here is the slate for installation in Willimantic on April 16th:

Fred V. Hirsch (New Haven) Commander.
Earl B. Lyon (Groton-Stoningham) Sr. V. C.
J. Philip Fray (Bridgeport) Jr. V. C.

These are your executive officers. A complete list of all officers will doubtless be published by the incoming department. May Connecticut have a prosperous and successful year ahead. Your outgoing commander leaves you with a healthier treasury and flower fund and a larger membership than at the beginning of the fiscal year. It can be better.

— Clyde G. Beckwith,
Commander.

BRIDGEPORT
Commander: George A. Carlos
160 Grove St., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Charles Cockerton
78 Jerusalem Hill, Bridgeport, Conn.

A joint meeting of the Auxiliary and Chapter was held at the V.F.W. Hall on Monday, February 27th, although it was a very cold night, yet many of the faithful were present for the roll call. We were glad to see P.C. Jack Schultze again. Jack's lovely wife, Carrie, hasn't been feeling too well lately and that accounted for Jack's absence from meetings, we all wish you a speedy recovery Carrie, keep your chin up.

Now that the "Hides of March has passed March 15th" our Uncle Sam's faithful fox dog, P.C. Jimmy Morrell will attend again our regular meetings, Jimmy is traveling auditor for the American Chain & Cable Co., he has been on the go between Pittsburgh and points in Michigan.

The main topic at the meeting was the discussion recruiting of new and old members, each one was asked to bring in one new or an old re-instated member, yours truly signed up two new members, Bill Harrington of Co. C, and George Mooney of Co. B, both of the 102nd Inf. Commander Carlos and Harold Murray are out working, they signed up an old friend of mine, Lt. Larry Hanley of the Bridgeport Fire Department, Larry served with the 101st Engineers.

One of the most hardest workers in our community is the wife of our most beloved member, Dr. Charles H. Sprague. She is the chairman of the blood donors committee of the Am. Red Cross in this area, she works day and night during the time when the blood bank makes its visitations. She is always in uniform working at the Red Cross Headquarters, giving inspiration to all volunteer workers at the Red Cross, her son Colonel Charles Sprague was reported missing in action in the early stages of the war, he led his squadron fighting the Nips in the battle of Bali in the Java sector, another son, Mansfield, a former attorney is now serving in the intelligence service with the U. S. Navy. If any orchids are to be given, I recommend number one for Mrs. Sprague.

John Waddell, one of our members, was elected Commander of the Harris Post, V.F.W. here, this post is the largest post in New England with over 800 members. John is personnel director at the G.E. Best of luck, Johnny, the YD will give you their utmost support.

On Feb. 22nd many of our members attended the installation of the New York chapter. Commander Carlos, his charming wife, Irene, P.C. Phil Fray, Harold Murray and his only sailor son, who came on a furlough, he certainly looked grand in the navy uniform, yours truly enjoyed every minute of the evening. I met many old timers, we reminisced about the old days gone by, when youth was in its splendor, you know what I mean gang, the days after the Armistice, when many of us got furloughs to go to Bar-le-duc, Vichy or other parts of France. Bob Dixon, chairman of the entertainment committee, is to be congratulated, it was a grand show. Harry Welch of G Co., 101st Inf., who imitated Pop-eye, the sailor man, and the imitation of a concert band, and the many other acts were enjoyed. An inspiring talk was also given by our National Commander Bill Forsyth. The Nutmeg State was well represented by P.N. Commander Al Herman with his lovely wife, Sue, P.N.C. Ben Bourn, Commander John Goss of Hartford, Dept. Commander-elect Fred Hirsch, Commander Henry Dube of New Haven and many others.

Will see you all at the meeting March 27 and don't forget to bring a new member. — Sam Marcus.

BRISTOL
"Mont Sec Chapter"
Commander: Karl K. Chase
174 Queen St., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Here's Mont Sec Chapter back after our usual Winter holiday. We held no meeting in Feb. as usual, but had a good one at Commander Smith's home on Mills St. the second Fri. night in March.

Thanks to our local ration board we got points enough to have a fine roast beef supper served by our auxiliary.

We nominated a slate of officers for the coming year: Commander, Fred Bauer, Unionville; S. V. Commander, Loren White, Bristol; J. V. Commander, Ben Erickson, Burlington; Secretary, W. N. Salladin, Jr., Bristol; Treasurer, W. W. Thompson, Bristol; Chaplain, Ralph Fox, Forestville; Sgt.-at-Arms, C. F. Anderson, Unionville; Trustee, 3 years, Karl Chase, Bristol.

They will be voted upon at our next meeting, April 14th at Fred Bauer's home in Unionville and installed at our May meeting which will be held at Bill Thompson's home, May 12th, on a Friday night. Bristol sent a delegation to the state meeting last Sunday in New Haven.

— W. N. Salladin, Jr., Sect.

MANCHESTER
"Epieds Chapter"
Commander: Ernest R. Peterson
239 E. Middle Turnpike, Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

Since our last communication to Yankee Doings two YD funerals have taken place in Manchester. James McVeigh served with Company G, 102nd U. S. Infantry, and George Hawley, our chaplain, with Company C, 102nd U. S. Infantry. Mrs. Hawley showed her gratitude to our commander and the YD bearers and other buddies who helped by making a cash present to the chapter which voted to use it as the nucleus of a special fund to be known as the George Hawley Fund. We also regret the loss of Everett, son of Elwood Brown of this chapter, who was killed in the Italian campaign.

A collection of pictures is to be made of Manchester's YD sons in service to be used later in Yankee Doings as a group. Contact your chapter secretary, telephone 3026.

We also want to take time out to welcome the youngest son of YD, Anthony James Blanchard, son of Frank (Jeff) Blanchard, our sergeant-at-arms, who claims that the old YD spirit is far from dead yet. Congratulations.

The chapter ended its fiscal year with 60 members and had a good turn-out at election.

Here are your officers for the coming year: David McCollum, Commander; John A. Holzheimer, S. V. C.; Raymond E. Smith, J.V.C.; Clyde Beckwith, Secretary; George Booth, Treasurer; Ernest Peter-

son, Chaplain; Jeff Blanchard, Sergeant-at-Arms; William Shields and Edward Frazier, Color bearers; Walter Balch and Jeff Blanchard, auditors; Ernest Peterson, William Shields, and Clyde Beckwith, trustees. Installation will be by the State Department in April.

George McCollum is still with the Motor Corps attached to the U. S. Army Air Base at Miami and Albert Jacobs is now with the Seabees.

Captain Dave McCollum and Lieutenants Chet Pirie and Harry Mathiason are still looking for recruits to bring Company H of the State Guard up to full strength. If you know a likely lad, send him to Company H.

GROTON-STONINGTON
Commander: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.
Secretary: Franklin Wadsworth
11 Greenman Avenue, Westerly, R. I.

Our last regular meeting was held as usual in the Westerly Armory and many of the old timers were on hand. Our Commander looked in for a few minutes and said hello and good bye in the same breath due to a sudden death in his family and the meeting was conducted by our Jr. Vice Earnie Mills. Many important matters were handled and decision made to attend our next state meeting in a body if at all possible. Letters, cards and smokes were sent to our Comrade Henry Korber who finds himself on his back up in Newington and by the time this hits the pages of "Yankee Doings" we all hope that Henry will be back on his feet again. Good luck, Henry, we all are pulling for your speedy recovery.

Some of the members that were born in March are going to get-to-gether and have a blow out this month and we were surprised to find we have quite a number of March Winds! Comrade Roy Wilbur blew in with a huge lemon that looked more like a football and started a raffle to help raise funds for the kittie. It ended up with someone else winning the lemon and then Roy bought it back and left with it under his arm.

We were glad to welcome Al St. Germain and Charles Campbell to this meeting and to also see Arlene Sullivan among the ladies once again. Dan Carey blew in to turn in some money from the sale of War Bond tickets and then went back to work. The old gang is certainly taking an interest in their chapter and it looks as if the YD Baby Chapter has started to grow up and that we will soon throw away the diapers. We have enough dough in the kittie to make that first payment on our new club house and when final arrangements are made we will be sitting pretty. Not one year old as yet and buying ourselves a new home! Did you say baby chapter?

Our boys in the service are doing all right and while we do not have all the latest information we do know that Curtiss Wills, U. S. Navy is at school out in Ames, Iowa, and from all reports will come out with red chevrons soon. From the Pacific area we understand that Comrade Ernest Fowkes' son is stationed in the combat zone, Fred Bowens two boys are in the army, Lawrence Rooks' boy is in the navy, Frank Babcock tells us his son is overseas in the army, Ken Lyon U. S. Air Force finds himself at school out in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Bob Lyon is now stationed out in Santa Anita, California, in flight school Army Air forces.

Our many requests for pictures of these boys seems to have missed fired. Once again your correspondent makes the request that pictures of all the boys in the service be mailed to him (along with three bucks) so he can arrange with Yankee Doings to run a couple of pages of pictures. Don't tell me that it is a question of the three bucks, as I refuse to believe that. So get those pictures and the dough together and send them in!

Our Chapter Commander Earl B. Lyon was elected to the position of Senior Vice Commander of the Conn. State Department at New Haven Department meeting. Also elected to the State Department was Comrade Junior Vice Ernest Mills to the position of Department Historian and Past Commander Albert St. Germain was appointed by the newly elected Commander as Chairman of the Department Employment Committee. The Baby Chapter of Connecticut is honored by such recognition and will endeavor to be worthy of this confidence.

— Why-Dee.

HARTFORD
Commander: John J. Goss
31 Brownell Ave., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel J. Rosen
83 Love Lane, Hartford, Conn.

Sunday, March 12, 1944 — 1 P. M. Just had a telephone call from P.NC. Ben Bourn inquiring about the membership to date. Ben informs me that he is leaving within the next five minutes for the State Department meeting to be held this afteroon at New Haven. Lucky stiff, where does he find the time and energy that he gives to Y.D.V.A.? More power to you, Ben.

Our meetings continue to be well attended in spite of the war effort. Meetings have been very interesting, a five dollar cash door prize is given at each meeting, entertainment, and a midnight snack served by Junior Vice Commander Paul a la Caravatt.

On April 29, 1944, we will hold a Smorgasbord Dinner and Dance, for members their wives and friends of Y.D.V.A., this promises to be the event of the year. Herb Nelson is chairman, do I have to say any more. Better make reservations early, or the wife will have divorce papers served on you. Neglect is grounds for divorce.

Tom Carey, a member of our Chapter and a sergeant in the Hartford Police Force and President of the Hartford Veterans Council was present at our last meeting and gave a fine talk on the work of the Council.

— Samuel J. Rosen.

Hartford Chapter has had a grand year and the attendance at the meetings has been good. Our membership while not up where we would like it can and will be there soon. We purchased two five hundred dollar War Bonds during the last drive bringing our holdings to $3,500 in Bonds to further the war effort.

At our annual dinner commemorating our entry into the trenches in 1918 there were 150 good YD men in attendance and National Commander Bill Forsyth was our guest. It was good of Bill to be with us and we surely trust it will not be his last visit.

To the men of the new 26th Division we extend our sincere greetings. Carry On young soldiers and enjoy the fellowship we have these many years been privileged to cherish. In the history of all the forces of the United States you will find none whose record surpasses the Yankee Division and that goes for the U. S. Marines and their gallant deeds.

MERIDEN

Commander: Eben Dike
289 Curtis St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence A. Roys
87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

The annual meeting was held on Sunday, March 5 at Cabin Grille. The following officers for the new year were elected:

Clarence A. Roys, Commander; Ashley Griffin, Sr. Vice Commander; George Semron, Jr. Vice Commander; Eben Dike, Secretary; Stanley Rakowski, Treasurer; Harry Baierlein, Chaplain; Earl Cranston, Sgt-at-arms; Martin Cummings and Charles Harris, Trustees.

It was decided at this meeting to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Seicheprey and install these new officers on Saturday night, April 15 at the Blue Room, Fraternal Hall.

This promises to be a good year for your Chapter, for in spite of wartime restrictions many of our members have indicated a willingness to get around and work on Chapter activities. The Chapter is rated by the Conn. Dept. as one of the largest and most active in the State. We all want to keep it this way.

Eben Dike has just been elected to the office of Chaplain in the Conn. Dept. and as you have noticed he is your new Secretary.

The Committee in charge of the affair on April 15—Roys, Griffin, Semran and Dike — are working out a program which will insure a good time to all. For entertainment we expect a grade A magician and ventriloquist, a quartet from a glee club and some singers. National Commander Bill Forsyth has been invited, as have P.N.C. Ben Bourne and Clyde Beckwith, Dept. Commander. A delicious buffet lunch by Dick Matarese, and your choice of drinks will complete the program.

If you haven't received your notice on dues don't let it keep you from sending them in. They are due on April 1 as you will remember.

—Clarence Roys, Sec.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Henry J. Dube
265 Gorham Ave., Hamden, Conn.
Secretary: Alexander J. Flynn
47 Dayton St., New Haven, Conn.

With the fiscal year 1943-1944 coming to a close the first of April, it is gratifying to look back on the past twelve months and note that one of the important assignments was carried out 100%. To Membership Chairman Otis H. Culver, Stephen J. Bomboliski and Ray C. Cooper belongs the orchids for a job well done, having increased the membership each month to a final total of 186, a gain of 60 over the previous year and 25 of them are NEW MEMBERS TO YDVA.

At the liveliest meeting in several years, the choice of Officers for the year 1944-1945 was made as follows:

Commander, Otis H. Culver, (102nd M.G.Bn. Co. D); Senior Vice-Commander, Farrington H. Lay, (103rd F. A. Bat. E); Junior Vice-Commander, Charles M. Kelley, (102nd M.G.Bn. Co. D); Secretary Eugene F. Clark, (102nd M.G.Bn. Co. D); Treasurer, Frederick V. Hirsch, (102nd F.H.); Historian, William V. Cramer, (102nd M.G.Bn. Co. D); Chaplain, Sherwood W. Rogers, (104th Inf. Co. G); Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph F. Schurk (103rd F.A. Bat. E); Trustees, Henry J. Dube (Hdq. Co. 102nd Inf.), Albert W. Smith, (Co. D 102nd M.G.Bn.) and Arthur C. T. Beers (Hdq. 102nd Inf.)

The installation of Officers will be held Saturday evening April 1st at Jimmy Coriani's (MG Co. 102nd Inf.) Cafe Malone on Crown Street. Dinner will be served and entertainment is assured.

We are glad to learn 'Sherif' Ralph Bove is making good progress convalescing at St. Petersburg, Florida and 'Doc' Harold Dolan is responding to the care of

Mrs. Dolan at his home in Westville. Doc says his fan mail (get well cards) keeps his spirits up.

Our Card-a-Month to our Buddies in this Global War are greatly appreciated by them. We know they haven't much time to write but we keep thinking of them. At the last reports, Major Waldo F. Ashley (Co. C 102nd Inf.) recently back from the South Pacific, is at Camp Hood, Texas; Colonel James M. Quinn (Co. C 102nd Inf.) recently back from the South Pacific is at Camp Croft, South Carolina; Major Philip B. Tarbell (Co. E, 102nd Inf.) recently back from New Guinea is at Fort Ord, California; Lt. Colonel Dexter A. Cargill (Co. D, 103rd M.G. Bn.) recently back from New Guinea is at Camp Davis, North Carolina; M/Sgt. William B. Walker, (102nd F. Hosp.) recently back from the South Pacific is at Ft. McClellan, Alabama; Colonel Charles W. Comfort, Jr. (102nd Inf. San. Det.) is at Camp Adair, Oregon and Major Raymond B. Bush (Med. Det. 102nd Inf.) is slugging it out on the Anzio Beach Head in Italy.

We are happy to learn of Colonel Stanhope Bayne-Jones' elevation to a Brigadier-General. He served as 102nd Inf. Sanitation Inspector and in like capacity for the 26th Div. Hdq. He was Dean of the Yale School of Medicine and left in February 1942 for service in the Surgeon General's office at Washington where he was assigned to the Division of Preventative Medicine Epidemiologe in the office of the Army Surgeon General. Congratulations General Jones.

The Chapter has been recently honored by having one of its Past Commanders elected Department Commander. We feel the induction of Fred V. Hirsch will put some new life in the Department, which should increase the membership. Your Comrades wish you a very successful year. —HJD.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Maurice P. Healey
41 Washington St., New London
Secretary: Joseph F. Keeney
67 Ocean Ave., New London

The New London Chapter YDVA held its regular monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at which time it was voted to retain the present officers in office until April 1945. These officers were installed last November and were headed by Maurice P. Healy as Commander. The members of the New London Chapter were unanimous in their decision particularly for Commander Healy who has worked diligently in the reforming of our chapter and since it was reformed last November.

We have twenty-one members in our chapter and although some are working on night shifts in war production we have one half our membership at each meeting. For a small chapter our treasury is substantial and with the program which Commander Healy has in mind for raising additional funds the Chapter will be in a good position to be of financial aid to the needy when that time comes.

—Joseph F. Keeney, Sec.

NORWALK

Commander: Hermas Poirier
7 Mott Ave., Norwalk
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

The regular monthly meeting of the Norwalk Chapter, YDVA, was held on Friday evening, March 17th, in the YD Dugout, the meeting was called to order by Past Commander Samuel Polley at 9 P. M. The opening prayer was read by P. C. George Golding. Silence for one minute was observed for our departed comrades. The newly elected State Commander Fred V. Hirsch, and his staff attended our meeting. We were very glad to have our State officers as our guest, then to make the day perfect, who should walk in but our old comrade Jim Powers, James Cappola, and Hugh Foster. The State officers thought they were at a State meeting. Believe it or not, there was very little room left in the old Dugout. Fifteen of our members paid their dues right then and there. All in all, it was a real YDVA gathering and every one had a swell time. We will leave the rest to the State Commander and his officers to tell you what they think of the Norwalk gang. Our main order of business was the nomination and election of officers. The following were nominated and elected:

For Commander, Dudley M. North, Sr. Vice Com., Elwood Broadway, Jr. Vice Comdr., Harold Anderson, Secretary, Albert W. Herman, Treasurer, Henry E. Woods, Chaplain, Hermas Poirier, Sgt-at-Arms, Anthony Carione, Historian, James Powers, Trustees, Samuel Polley, George Golding, and John Kvance. About this time, our Commander Hermas Poirier, who was late getting to the meeting showed up and he immediately took over, and under the good of YDVA he introduced our State Officers. Among the State officers who attended our meeting were State Comdr. Fred Hirsch, Sr. Vice Comdr. Earl B. Lyon, Jr. Vice Comdr. John P. Fray, Sgt.-at-Arms Joseph Schurk, and State employment officer, Al St. Germain. We will hold our installation of officers and Seichepray party on April 22th. This will be a joint installation with the Ladies Auxiliary.

The newly elected Commander said that he was very grateful to the comrades of the Norwalk chapter for electing him as commander. He said that he will work hard and he asked for the support of all members. You can count on the old gang, Comrade Commander.

The outgoing Commander then thanked the chapter

for their support during this past year and as his last official duty he presented Past Commander George Golding with a solid gold Past Commander's button; better late than never George.

After the meeting refreshments of all kinds were served by the Ladies Auxiliary and a swell time was had by all.

The Secretary at this time wishes to thank all the members who help us make our meetings interesting. With your help we will carry on, to make the emblem of the YD symbolic of good fellowship, good citizenship and tolerance.

TORRINGTON
Commander: Col. E. E. Novey
107 Phythian Ave., Torrington
Secretary: C. Fred Newbury
Litchfield Rd., Torrington

It was through the efforts of Col. Ernest E. Novey who has been in the So. Pacific area for nearly two years that the Torrington Post YDVA was reorganized on Jan. 11th. He called a meeting while he was home on furlough and the organization sort of took on new life. Temporary officers were elected: Commander, Colonel Ernest E. Novey; Secretary, C. Fred Newbury.

Eighteen new members signed and paid their dues that night and we have hopes of getting at least ten more.

—C. Fred Newbury, Sec.

The monthly meeting was held at the Armory the first Tuesday of March and the comrades who attended were few, due to the fact that the boys are still working all kinds of hours. Someday we hope to go back to the old schedule, all present, I hope. Our Commander, E. E. Novey is now recuperating at the Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa, N. C. and here is wishing him a speedy recovery. The news of this month is the passing of our comrade Peter DeCao who died Feb. 21st. He served with Co. M 102nd Inf. at the Mexican Border and later in France; a few months later being transferred to the 102nd Supply Co. His survivors are two daughters, Marion and Gladys, one son, Robert, all of Torrington, Conn. He was buried with full military honors. The pallbearers, all veterans of Co. M 102nd Inf. were, Louis Berti, Adam Kaniecky, Eugene Brown, Joseph Schibi, G. George Rossi and Leon Beecher. The honorary bearers were, Fire Chief Edward F. Goodman, George Allard and Raymond Waldron. The firing squad representing Co. H Conn. State Guard, under Capt. Douglas G. Little, did a swell job.

WILLIMANTIC
"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Ezeb J. Lapan
53 So. Park St., Willimantic, Conn.
Secretary: W. P. S. Keating, M.D.
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.

Greetings and salutations to our many YD friends whom we in Willimantic have been separated from these last few months. This "Outpost" hasn't had much doing of late and there hasn't been any news. But here we go again with news such as it is and hope it will reach many of our members who hear nothing —see nothing and know nothing of what is going on in these parts.

First off the bat let's scan the news of a few of the YD Sons now doing their "bit" for the one and only "Uncle Sam," that grand old man who always goes to bat at the right time.

Norman Moshier now with the Navy in the Southwest Pacific has recently been advanced to 3/c Petty Officer and is doing radio work. Nice going Norm!

Seaman 1/c Wendell Moshier, older brother of Norm, with the Coast Guard stationed at Rahway, N. J. and who used to play in the Band is now a Bugler and awaiting his turn to go to school.

Seaman 2/c Billy Hall is still pounding the pavements in New York doing Guard Duty around the piers. Spent one month recently partolling in the North Atlantic.

George Bazala of the U. S. Marines has recently been advanced to Private 1/c and is located at a base in North Carolina.

Walter Mather Jr. Corporal attached to the 9th Air Force with a Medical Corps is now located in England. Wally is doing a lot of flying by the way and while in this country covered by air every State in the Union.

Ted Mather, older brother of Wally, a full fledged Navy Diver with the Seabees is on his way to a far Eastern Port. We think it may be China. Ted is a Machinist Mate 3/c.

Pvt. Stuart Keating is attached to a Bomber Squadron in the Southwest Pacific. Last heard he was at Bougainville.

Paul Lindgren, now a Corporal and who recently passed exams for Sergeant in the Marine Corps, is located at Parris Island and is an Instructor there.

Lawrence, an older brother with the 130th Ordinance, is somewhere in England.

Arnold Cohen, a 2nd Lieut. stationed at an Air Field in Illinois is a Pilot in the Army Air Corps. Doing all right so we hear.

Lloyd Gray is also a Pilot in the Army Air Corps. Place located not known at this time.

Will try to get more news of our Sons for a later issue of DOINGS.

Just a line on some of our members—Tom Delaney should you forget is Commissioner of Streets in Norwich. Tom would like to have you call around anytime you are in the vicinity. Henry Pukallus—no see in long time, is a Boss Carpenter at the Sub Base in New London. Would like to see you Henry. How about dropping around before long. Lawrence Lindgren has re-opened his hatchery and is at it again in a small way. Want any chicks you men — Contact Lindy. Pat Haggerty, who has been busier than an Income Tax Lawyer has given up his work at Pratt and Whitney and returned to give his whole time to his oil business. Pat does all right too.

Our genial Treasurer, Elliott Moshier, is still plugging along at the American Thread. Very efficient fellow this Treasurer of ours. "Zip" Lapan, our Commander, who was recently operated on at Deaconess Hospital in Boston has returned and though sort of weak is progressing nicely. "Zip" can still grin as usual. Hard man to put down just won't stay. He expects to go back for another operation in the late spring, around May or June. Best of luck "Zip". We are all pulling for you and a complete recovery this time.

Good old Sergeant-at-Arms Pimpare is and has been a Sergeant on the Auxiliary Police here and carries the same efficiency with which he is well known throughout the Dept. This writer will stake him as a Sergeant-at-Arms against all comers. You're O. K. Euclid.

Greetings and congratulations, altho late, to our good friend Harvey Grinsell of Putnam. Harvey is now Mayor of that little city. Bet Putnam will be the winner because of Harvey's ability to run a clean cut administration. How about the "keys" to your city Harvey. Nice work and best of luck. Henry Gilbert, the Tree Doctor is working at Pratt and Whitney and during spare time is a Tree Specialist. Any of you fellows that have any tree work to be done remember good old Henry. Walter Hewitt, our Senior Vice is working for Pratt and Whitney and we don't see much of him. Looks fine though and guess all is O.K. Ex-Corporal Harold Brickley is holding down a lot of responsibility in the office of the Conn. State Employment Service. You fellows who want to use the Service call on "Brick." He will be glad to serve you.

Now to you men who live away from the center of YD in this district, if you have news of interest especially war news concerning sons and daughters, will you please send us this at once. Your cooperation is needed. We had a Chapter Meeting the other night. Small, only 11 of us there, but the YD spirit was much in evidence. Two of the boys drove a round trip of 32 miles to be there—two a round trip of 24 miles and one a round trip of 15. Isn't this pretty good evidence men of the interest which still exists and is getting stronger all the time. The meeting was one in which routine business was transacted. A donation to the Red Cross was made and all our present officers were re-elected for their third year. The April State Meeting will be held in Willimantic on the 16th. Next Chapter Meeting and Installation will be held at home of the writer on April 14th. A buffet supper will be served the gang followed by the usual meeting and installation. Our genial State Commander, Clyde Beckwith will be the Installing Officer and we have a sneaking idea "Pimp" will be his little helper. A special feature will be arranged and a good time is assured those that attend. Before signing off men, let me take time to warn that right now our new year has started and your DUES for 1944 will be much appreciated at once. Let's keep our membership to where it is now then see if we can't beat this a little.

Please send in your Dues NOW. Don't wait—shoot it in quick. Thanks. Last, but not least, the writer, both for himself and the Chapter, wishes our new State Commander Freddie Hirsch a most successful year. You have a hard year ahead, but with your Whiz Bang way of getting things done we know you will find a way to get done those things which you have outlined for yourself. Best wishes Freddie. Count on us, though our help may be small. Well, boys, I'll be seeing you on the 14th of April.

—G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Comm.: Ralph A. Turgeon, 182 Moore St., Princeton, N. J.

CHICAGO

Commander: Charles R. Fick
4528 Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Secretary: G. LeRoy Anderson
3826 Jannsen Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Greetings from the Chicago Chapter after a long time between meetings. We had a real get-together Tuesday evening, March 14th, 1944, at the Paramount Studios, 1306 S. Michigan Avenue. Comrade Allen Usher, who is always on the job for the YD gave us a preview of a great Paramount Picture production. Comrades and their wives and families enjoyed it immensely. A capacity crowd turned out even though the weather was nasty and wet.

John Lee, Gus Persons, John Klockowski and Matook were a few of the comrades who attended, whom we have not seen in a long time, and of course, Ed McConnell, Danna Hubbard, Walter Crowell, were

on hand as usual. Jack Donovan missed this meeting because of the income tax rush, as he is in the Accounting and Auditing business.

Allen Usher was on the sick list for a while, but is okay now; also our Commander, Charles R. Fick is back on the job after an illness lasting three weeks. Gil Nape sent his daughter and friend to represent him as he is working nights in defense work. Please forgive me if I have failed to mention some of the comrades as I am writing this from memory as I didn't have time to take notes.

Comrade Henry Ritchotte, who recently moved to Chicago from Philadelphia, to take over the General Salesmanship of the Independent Pneumatic Tool Mfg. Co., made the meeting after the picture was half through. He took time out from a Convention of the R. R. Engineers and Maintenance Men at the Palmer House, where Hildegard is staring, to make this meeting. Nat. Commander Bill Forsyth wrote us saying he was tops as a YD man.

From the lips of some of the wives present, we should have a real meeting in April as they promised they would see that their men would attend.

Next meeting will be the election of officers for 1944-45 and all members of the Chicago Chapter should do everything they can to attend.

Last, but not least, $15.75 was dropped into the Kitty by members and friends attending.

—G. LeRoy Anderson.

NEW YORK
Commander: Fred D. Brown
607 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
P. O. Box 463, New York 8, N. Y .

The "Executive Committee" of the New York Chapter held an important meeting on Tuesday evening, March 7th in the Lotos Club, 110 West 57 St.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P. M. by Commander Fred D. Brown, with the following comrades present: Sr. Vice Comdr. Ralph F. Nevin, Jr. Vice Comdr. Edward B. Writer, Secretary Harold B. F. Lonergan, Treasurer Lester K. McElwain, Trustees Anthony F. Fanelle, Ernest J. Kluge, William H. Cowie, Atherton Griswold, Historian Julius T. Fedel, Service and Welfare Officer Joseph P. O'Brien, DSC Past Commander Edward J. Nelson, and Past Commander Elwin J. Cooney. After Commander Brown had appointed the various Chapter Committee Chairmen, the subject of our next National Convention was taken up by National Vice Comdr. Dept. of the U. S. Ralph A. Turgeon. This important matter was taken up from all angles and after lengthy deliberations, a motion was made by Jr. Vice Comdr. Ed Writer to hold the National YDVA Convention in New York City the later part of June 1944. Motion seconded by Past Comdr. Anthony Fanelle, and it was decided unanimously to pass the motion.

Well, there it is Comrades. New York City is IT and IT will be in June 1944. National Vice Comdr. Ralph A. Turgeon will be Convention President with William H. Cowie 43-17-149 St., Flushing, Long Island, N. Y. as Convention Treasurer. Convention Secretary will be the Chapter Secretary Harold B. F. Lonergan, P. O. Box 463, New York City 8, N. Y. We here in New York know we have taken on a "Big Job" and we ask all you YD men wherever you may be, to help us get things rolling.

It was decided that the registration will be 2.00 and the YD Dinner will be $3.50 including entertainment.

Full details will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed.

Following adjournment at 8 P. M. the Committee retired to the dining room of the Lotos Club and enjoyed a wonderful meal. Once again our war was the topic and we finally decided that the war would definitely have been lost if it hadn't been for Colonel (Machine-Gun) Parkers' boys. Go ahead, say it, — "Never heard of them."

—Harold B. F. Lonergan.

"OHIO CHAPTER"
Commander: Harry G. Schnell
1645 Coventry Rd., Cleveland Hgts., O.
Secretary: Walter A. Haak
938 Pembrook Rd., Cleveland Hgts., O.

Note that the meetings of the Ohio Chapter are changed. The first Sunday of each month instead of the third.

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Comrades: Do you know that your chapter is the second largest in membership in the department of the United States?- Do you know that we could say not long ago that the Ohio Chapter was the most active of any veteran organization in Cleveland and that it was the only divisional organization operating out of its own headquarters? Today where are we—paying rent to use another organization's rooms with little or no activity outside regular scheduled meetings. What has become of those who only two short years ago made drastic changes in a set up that WAS functioning? You certainly had ideas for a bigger and better Ohio YD—otherwise the changes would not have been made. Those who attend the meetings need your guidance so why not show up and help to "Carry On"? These questions can be answered by only those of you who are today showing your prominence by your absence.

Membership is restricted to YD men. We boast of this and we take pride in it. During the war you were part of the old fighting "26 Division AEF" and now you should be part of what's left of that old outfit. You may say, "What do I get out of it?" You will get out of it just what you put into it. We hope that no such attitude exists.

Your Ohio Chapter was a benefit to the community. It contributed to the Red Cross and gave its members a chance to make a little extra. It was an organization of which you were proud. Isn't it time that you became regular — that you paid up and that you brought in the former member who has forgotten? The dues are still $3.00 per year, entitling you to membership in the chapter, the association and one year subscription to YANKEE DOINGS, the official magazine of the YDVA, the cost of all is less than one cent a day.

The next meeting is the first Sunday in April — be on hand to give Ted Gonsalves the help that a commander needs to make his year and the organization the success that we all want it to be.

—Fred H. Flahavan.

WASHINGTON
Commander: Charles J. McManus
18 Bryant St., N.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Nathan D. Golden
4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Yes, fourteen of the gladiators of the old YD turned out at the American Legion Club House to attend the March meeting. They were as follows: Boyer, Queenin, Norton, Dodic, Rowe, Cleaveland, Hutchins, Bartram, Jordon, Robitaille, McManus, Carson, White and your pen pusher. It is a convenient place to meet at, in that all you have to do is walk out of the door of the meeting room and you are standing right in the bar room, where you can wet your tonsils if you can get by a crowd chasing elusive cherries, bells and plums on some sort of a contraption that one puts nickels in.

When we got down to the real business of the evening, that of selecting a place for a dinner to induct our new officers the fur began to fly. With such sea lawyers as Queenin, Boyer, Carson, Bartram and Hutchins ganging up with their parliamentary tricks of preventing a vote as to whether the affair should be stag or mixed, it looked like we weren't going to have any induction. Well, after the sea lawyers got through tangling things up they were voted down in favor of a stag affair.

Carson, Hutchins and Bartram were heard to be objecting to having Gypsy Rose Lee or Ann Corio invited to attend an affair to which the ladies couldn't be invited. But no protests were heard from Jordan, Dodic or White who were the wheelhorses in putting over the stag affair. So, on April 22, 1944 the members of the Washington Chapter will sit down to a steak dinner with all the trimmings at the Legion Club House and start Commander-elect Rowe and his staff of officers off on a new year. The party this year will be a little different. First, you will pay for your chow, which will be $2.50 per head, in advance. Anyone who doesn't notify Ray Queenin and pay by April 19th is just going to be out of luck and there just won't be a juicy 2-inch steak waiting for him. Secondly, you can bring your male friends, such as Senators and Congressmen along, but you pay for them; in other words, no guests. If you get what we mean it's not like your income taxes "Pay as you Go"; it's "Pay Before you Go."

Al Bartram and Jim Boyer were sights for sore eyes and we were all glad to see them out. Al is looking and feeling fine since his retirement from the Government, and he is having the gang up to his apartment for the next meeting on April 5th. He then plans to go up to the country for the summer. We should have a crowd out to bid Al and his charming wife a nice trip.

Some of the more affluent economic royalists sat down after the meeting to play a little penny ante while others retired to the bar. I went home trying to figure out how these guys can take it at their respective ages. I am frank to admit I can't. That is all for this time, more news next time.

—Nathan D. Golden.

PROCEDURE ON HOW TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

Don't come to the meetings. If you do come, be sure to come late, and if the weather is bad, don't think of coming. Let the officers do it all.

If you do come to a meeting, be sure to find fault with all of the officers and the other members.

Never accept an office. It's much easier to find fault and criticize others then to do it yourself.

Be sure to get sore if you are not appointed to a committee: but if you are do not attend the committee meetings.

If asked by the commander to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say.

When the other fellow is talking be sure to interrupt him with "points of order", "points of information" or anything to prevent a harmonious meeting.

Never speak out in meetings, but be sure to tell everyone after the meeting, just how it should have been done.

Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay them at all.

At a recent meeting of the Last Man's Club, Co. A. 103 Mch. Gun Bn. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, James Macallum; Vice Pres., Mike Miller; Secretary, Arnold E. Beech; Treasurer, Frank Senior; Fin. Sec., John Spaulding; Sgt-at-Arms, Herbert Grylls; Last Man's Guard, Jos. L. Bourget; Custodian, Harold Andrews; Historian, Frank Senior; Chaplain, Harry Fitzpatrick; Rehabilitation Officer, Norman Lafleur.

It was voted to buy another $200.00 worth of U.S. War Bonds.

Any member who should need the help of the Rehabilitation Officer should get in touch with Norman Lafleur, 55 Magill St., Pawtucket, R. I. Tel. Perry 0776W.

Hope to see you all at the Annual Dinner if not before.

—Arnold E. Beech, Sec.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . A meeting of E Co. took place at Medford on Sunday for election of officers. The following were elected: Lieut. John C. McGrath of the Medford Police Dept. was elected President; John Doyle, 1st Vice Pres., John Hayes, 2nd Vice Pres., Treasurer, Roland Crowther, Howard Jenkins, Sec., and Archie Doyle, Sgt-at-Arms. Jim Powers, substituting for Winfield Dowd, retiring president, presented to speak President Al Sears, V.P. Bucky Coffey, Sgt.-at-Arms Nick Fleming, Capt. John J. Lydon and Dept. Comm. Clarence Hill of the D.A.V. who represented Mayor Lawrence of Medford. Forty members of E Co. were present. The Mayor saw to it the boys were taken care of following the meeting.

John J. Rea (A Co.) has been notified that his son John Jr. has been promoted to a Staff Sgt. in an Infantry outfit in Northern Ireland . . . Harry H. Cromer (Hdqts) formerly of Reading, Pa. has bought a home in Fort Littleton, Pa. up in the mountains . . . He has worked for the Telephone Co. for the past 18 years . . . Paul R. Flanagan (E Co.) has been appointed Supt. of Wires in Medford . . . Cpl. Jackie Whelan, son of Ned Whelan (Supply) was home on a furlough recently from Atlanta, Ga. . . . Received a card from Bill McCarthy (H Co.) from Hollywood telling me the swimming is fine out there . . . The old bromide "Wish you were here" . . . Leonard Esam (E Co.) has a meat business on North St., Boston . . . Incidentally Leonard won the basket of "Good Cheer" raffled off recently at the YD Club . . . Lucky fellow . . . Orchids this month to that young fellow Maj. Gen. Thomas F. (Fearless) Foley (G Co.) who instead of sitting by the fireside and taking life easy is very active as C. O. of the Mass. State Guard and Chief of Police of Worcester . . . Our next Regimental Council meeting comes on Sunday, March 26, at Medford Post, A. L. . . . E Co. are the sponsors.

Albert G. (Cyclone) Thompson, A Company, 101st Infantry died at the Rutland Heights hospital after a lingering illness. He was buried Feb. 17, in the Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island, N. Y. It was with deep regret his many friends learned of his death. Cyclone was a popular fellow around the South End of Boston.

Michael R. Foley, G Company, 101st Infantry, 48, of 10 Sutton Place, a painter at Worcester City Hospital for 23 years, died at the hospital on March 11, 1944. He was a life-long resident of Worcester and leaves his wife, Leah (Ducharme) Foley; three sons, Richard, John, and Noel Foley; five daughters, the Misses Theresa, Dorothy, Shirley, Barbara and Kathleen Foley; two brothers, George W. and Herbert F. Foley; a sister, Catherine and several nieces and nephews. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery. A large delegation of G Company attended the funeral.

Buy Bonds Buddy!

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John L. Gray died in St. Petersburg, Fla., on March 11th, 1944 and was buried at Waterbury, Conn. on March 16th. Major Gray, during the 1st World War was Captain of H Co. 102nd Inf.

The local YD Chapter had charge of the Military funeral.

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Capt. Martin A. Kenealy, former Captain of the Supply Company and Supply Officer of the 101st Inf., later transferred to Div. Hdqters, 26th Div., and father of Sergt. William E. Kenealy, Supply Company, 101st. Inf., after a long illness, died in Baltimore, Maryland on February 10, 1944.

Military services were conducted by the members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survived, were his wife, seven children and fourteen grandchildren.

Recently promoted to Lt. Col. U. S. Army Reserve Corps.

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A loyal comrade has just answered the last call. Gene Hamilton, Past Com. of the 104th Inf. Vets. Asso. has departed from us. He was a great friend to the 101st and had many close friends in the outfit. On behalf of the 101st Inf. Vets. Asso. President Sears sent a floral tribute with a message of sympathy to his wife, Mary Hamilton and his daughter Virginia, who is a member of the Spars stationed at Boston.

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Joseph Novosatty, 52, of Hartford, Conn., died suddenly at his home March 10. He served with Company L, 102nd Infantry. He leaves a son, Joseph Novosatty, a daughter, Frances Novosatty, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Harold Waldo of Springfield, Mass.

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Harrison Cuming Bracken, 51, of Hartford, Conn., well known in fraternal circles here and a director of the Arrow Hart and Hegeman Co., died at his winter home at Daytona Beach, Fla, March 6.

Mr. Bracken was born June 20, 1893, in Wethersfield. He was a veteran of the 101st Machine Bat., took part in five major engagements.

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Military services for Antonio Giordano of Derby, Conn., were held at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel with a solemn requiem Mass at St. Anthony's Church. He died February 26, 1944, was a member of Hartford Chapter, Y.D.V.A., served with Bty. E, 103rd F.A.

Bearers were Joseph Giordano, William O'Neil, John Dunbar, Anthony Cuomo, James Canna, and Dominick Onofrio. Father John Kelly conducted the committal service in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery.

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Edward J. Kenney, Co. L, veteran of World War I, and a native of Malden, passed away suddenly of a heart attack, aged 50 years, on Feb. 20th.

He is survived by one son, Edward J. Kenney, Jr., who is serving with the armed forces in India; a daughter, Miss Marion Kenney of Somerville, and five brothers.

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Charles Kirkwood Roberts, of 59 Houston Street, New Haven, died January 23, 1944, suddenly at his home. He served with the Supply Co., 102nd Infantry. He was a member of the New Haven Chapter, Y.D.V.A. Surviving is his widow, Margaret Montgomery Roberts, a son Charles K. Jr., now serving in the U. S. Marine Corps, a daughter Catherine; his father, Charles W. of Middletown, two sisters and three brothers all of Middletown. Burial was in East Lawn Cemetery, East Haven.

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Edmund S. McLaughlin, of 280 Circular Ave., Hamden, died January 23, 1944, suddenly at his home. He served with D Co., 102nd Machine Gun Battalion . He was a member of New Haven Chapter, Y.D.V.A., Railroad Post 119, A. L., and a Past Commander of YD Post 130, A. L. He was a member of the Railroad Police. The Y.D.V.A. ritual was enacted at the funeral home of Cox, Smith & Crimmins. Solemn requiem mass at Church of the Blessed Sacrament and burial was in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

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Brig. Gen. George H. Hall, retired C.N.G., of 1 West Park Avenue, New Haven, died suddenly Feb. 4, 1944 at his home. His long service in the Connecticut Nat. Guard earned for him the rank of Brig. Gen. when he retired from active service in 1939.

He was called to duty at the out-break of World War I and when the 1st and 2nd Connecticut Inf. Regiments were merged and formed the 102nd U. S. Infantry Regiment, Lt. Col. Hall was transferred to the 58th Pioneer Inf. and served for the duration at Camp Green, North Carolina and Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. He was a member of the New Haven Chapter, Y.D.V.A., the A. L., and was a

Past Commander of the Military Order of the World War.

Services were held at the Funeral Home of Beecher & Bennett and burial was in Arlington Cemetery, Fort Meyer, Va. Surviving is his widow Harriet Blakeslee Hall, and two sons, Lt. Comdr. William B., U.S.N., in Washington and 1st Lieut. George E., with the Fifth Army in Italy.

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Gordon W. Ford, 49, of 969 Elm Street, West Haven, died suddenly February 11, 1944 at his home. He served in H Company, 102nd Infantry. He was at the time of his death serving on the New Haven Register Staff. Services held at Beecher & Bennett Funeral Home and burial in Whitneyville cemetery. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. May Goddard Ford.

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Ernest F. Bahnsen, Jr., son of Ernest F. Bahnsen, Sr., formerly of Co. B, 102nd Inf., was recently reported killed in action. He was serving with the U. S. Marines Corps. The New Haven Chapter, Y.D.V.A., extends deep sympathy to their comrade and member and to his family.

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Edward F. Philpot died March 12, 1944 at his home, 235 Boston St., Lynn Mass. He served with Battery E, 101st F.A.

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Raymond E. Taylor, 49, a former member of A Bty., 103rd F.A., died suddenly on March 13, after a brief illness. He was a P.C. of the Providence Chapter and Past Commander of YD Post No. 26, American Legion.

He was given a military funeral by the Providence Chapter. A Guard of Honor in charge of Commander Michael Crescenzo was stationed by the casket in the J. F. Skeffington Funeral Home.

The YDVA ritual was carried out at his grave in the New Pawtuxet Cemetery by Commander Michael Crescenzo, S.V.C. David Davidsn, J.V.C. Dunn, Sgt. at Arms Walter Vickery and Chaplain Joseph Laffey. The bearers: P.S.C.s Lawrence Cook and Robert M. Murray, P.C. John Kelley, Francis Dunn, Joseph Laffey and Howard T. Ray. Color bearers: James J. Girvan and S.C. William E. Bergin. Color guards: William McAllister and Edward Ayotte, D.S.C. The firing squad was in charge of Sgt. George Sullivan of the State Guard. Taps by Sgt. Henry Lebleau.

Past Commander Taylor is survived by his wife and father. Also a son, Donald R. Taylor, U.S.N. and two brothers, Rev. Alfred W. Taylor of Miami Springs, Fla., and Arthur Taylor of Washington Park, R. I.

William "Pete" King, a former member of B Bat., 103rd F. A., was stricken ill and died within a few hours. Previous to his enlistment in the Yankee Division he was well known as an amateur sportsman in Rhode Island. In his school days he was Captain of the old English High School hockey and baseball teams.

Previous to two years ago, Mr. King was a member of the Merchant Marine for ten years. During one tour of duty he saved the life of Captain Harry Manning of the U.S.S. America, which went to the assistance of the sinking ship, "Florida." Prior to his death he was employed at Quonset Point.

He was buried from the King Funeral Home with a high mass of requiem in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery, Cranston, R. I. The firing squad was in charge of George F. Sullivan. Taps by Bugler Sgt. Henry Lebeau.

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Eugene A. Hamilton, formerly of the Machine Gun Co., 104th Infantry, died suddenly at home on March 18, 1944. Gene had been very ill recently and recovered and was back at work and was stricken suddenly during the night and passed away.

Gene was a member of Post No. 27, Cambridge of the A. L. He served as Commander of the 104th Infantry Veterans Association filling out the unexpired term of Harold Barry, who died while in office and then was elected the following year for a full term. He was also a member of the Cambridge Lodge of Elks. The Cambridge Post No. 27, A. L., furnished the firing squad and Bugler and interment was in the Cambridge Cemetery.

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Howard A. Jensen, formerly of Hdqrs. Co., 104th Infantry passed away at his home in Manchester, Mass., March 9, 1944. Burial was from his former home and buddies of the 104th attended.

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Hector J. Wilfore, Co. M, 102nd U. S. Inf., died suddenly in Springfield, Mass., Sat., Feb. 26th. The funeral service was held in Barre on Tues., Feb. 29th, at St. Monica's Church. The bearers were three members of the A. L. and three of the Y.D.V.A. Ernest Lafayette, Ralph Lawliss and ex-Sgt. John Murray, the last two mentioned having served with him in Co. M.

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A military funeral was accorded to Frank Joseph Ahern, 51, well known business man and first commander of Emil Senger post, A. L., who died suddenly Feb. 28, at Seymour, Conn.

Delegations were in attendance from Emil Senger post, A. L., Y.D.V.A., Co. E, 102nd Inf., Y.D.V.A., state police from the Bethany barracks.

Captain Thomas E. Brassil, formerly of Hdqrs. Co., 104th Inf., died at the John Adams Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., March 11, 1944. A high Mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Anthony church, Allston and burial was at St. Paul's cemetery, Arlington. Six members of Hqrs. Co. acted as pall bearers, Ed Fraser, Ed Shanahan, W. Doucette, Sam Colby, Mal Morrison, and Frank Conlin. A good number of YD men were in attendance.

Captain Brassil had been ill for several years and spent the majority of the last few years in the hospital. He was a member of the YD Club of Boston, YDVA., Post No. 27, A. L., Hoyt Post, VFW., Cambridge Lodge of Elks. Past Commander 104th Vets. Association.

He leaves his wife and four sons and two daughters. One son, Raymond, was with the new 26th Division when they were called out and went to the South Pacific with the 182nd Task Force. Another son, John, is a Top-Sgt. in the Army now and is about ready to go over.

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Louis Dube, 102nd Infantry, Supply Company, is reported to have passed away in Fitchburg, Mass. No details.

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James McVeigh of Company G, 102nd U.S. Inf. was buried October 4, 1943 in St. James Cemetery. He was orderly for "Cap" Harry Bissell in France.

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George L. Hawley of Company C, 102nd U. S. Inf., was buried in the East Cemetery at Manchester, Conn. on November 2, 1943. He held the Purple Heart Medal and was wounded and captured at Seicheprey. A YD service was held at the grave, the YD furnishing the bearers and the State Guard company the firing squad. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

NEW YORK INVITES YOU TO CONVENTION

The New York Chapter, YDVA, extends to the National Officers and Comrades, a hearty invitation and urges the acceptance of New York City as the place for our National Convention of 1944.

The definite dates set by the Convention and Executive Committee of New York Chapter are: Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, 1944.

The Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue, will be National Convention Headquarters. (Phone Murray Hill 6-6000). Rooms: Single $3.50 and up. Double $6.60 and up. Registration has been set at $2.00 per person. Convention Dinner will be at the Commodore. Price of dinner later.

Registration Booth for those attending, will be opened at the Hotel Commodore at 1 P. M. on Friday afternoon, June 23, 1944.

Room reservations can be made now, directly with the Hotel Commodore. (Mr. McColl or Mr. Matthews.)

Advance Registration may be sent to:
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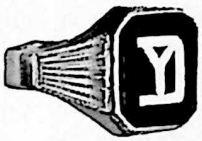

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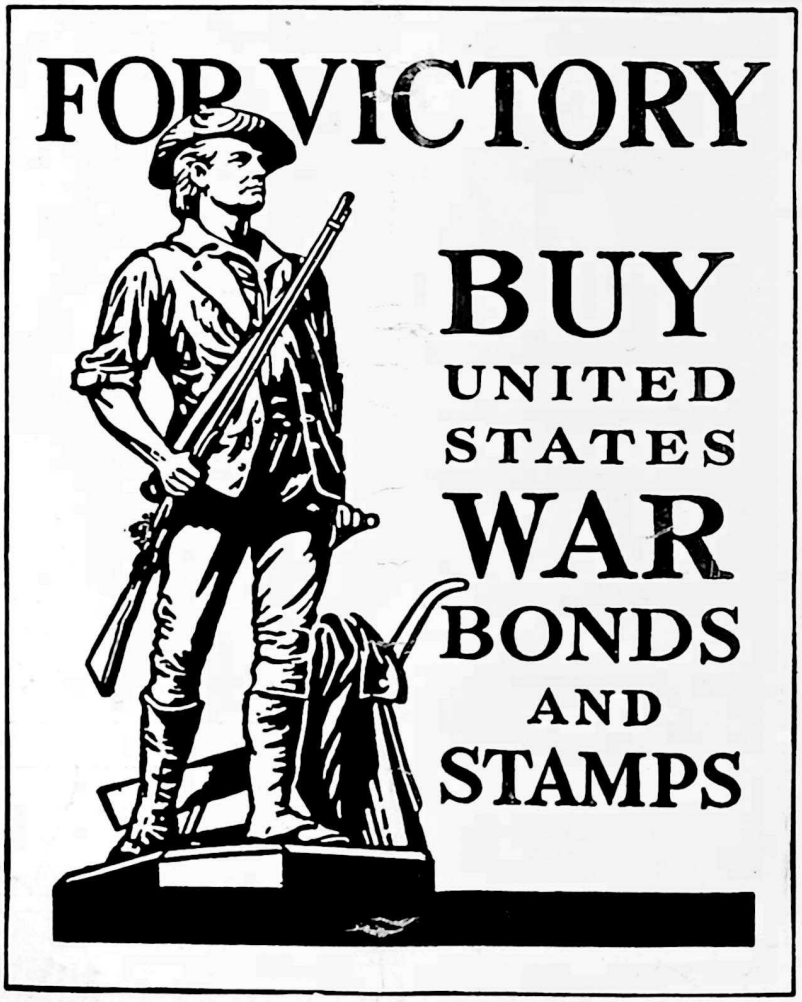
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